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UNDER PRESSURE

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"Not foolish, my dear," he murmured, "not at all foolish."

Touched by his understanding she reached out one hand impulsively and laid it on his arm. "Oh, Mr. Bradley, please be my friend. You can help me so much! My passport a letter of credit, but that's not all. You know my stepmother. Father used to keep telling me she's a good woman. Well, she is, but if she finds out what I'm doing or where I am I'll have two fights on my hands instead of one."

"How are you going to work it? How will you get away?"

"I've thought it all out. I can say I'm going to Frances Holder's for a visit."

"H'm. But they'll trace you. Nowadays a deliberate disappearance is one of the hardest things on earth to stage."

"I've thought of that too." She gave him a look so composed it set his blood to tingling. "If I go by air, where will I be by the time they begin their tracing?"

He blinked at her admiringly. "Joyce, I've made up my mind. I'll do everything I can to help you and I promise I'll keep my mouth tight shut till you say the word."

On the same impulse they rose to their feet and stood with right hands half extended, not quite touching. "You're awfully young, Joyce, and most people would say I ought to be jailed for letting you go. But you've got heart as well as head, and as for youth—what's it for? To spend while it's strong."

He proved as good as his word and better, for he could see a lot further ahead than Joyce. Within ten days not only did he arrange that her passport for travel abroad should come direct from the State department rather than through the local county clerk, but he coaxed her on her deportment in the meantime toward her stepmother, provided her with a certified copy of her father's will, warned her about excessive baggage and bought her tickets by air in a fictitious name.

Later, without detection, she boarded a plane at Eisinboro's almost deserted airport that connected at Newark with a night plane south.

CHAPTER III

Dirk Van Suttart, second secretary of embassy, would have showed to greater advantage in any other setting. The traditions of an ancient name were behind him, he had more than his share of good looks, a reasonable amount of money and a merry eye. Away from his job he was as clean-cut a young American as ever drew breath, but he was on the way—to being spoiled, poisoned by the elite of the diplomatic bee.

He was engaged in testing the spring of a polo mallet when the reception clerk entered, laid Joyce's card on the desk and lingered to smoke a cigarette. Dirk read the paper over his shoulder.

"What does she want?"

"Same old thing. She'd like to walk in on the chief."

Dirk finished testing the stick, put it away in a clothes closet, went to his padded chair and rummaged for a dispatch. "All set. You can show her in." Presently Joyce stood before him. He perused the dispatch frowningly for a moment longer, then motioned her to a chair beside the desk.

"Won't you sit down, Miss Sewell?"

Joyce hesitated. "You're not the ambassador, are you?"

"Hardly. I'm the second secretary."

"I wanted to see the ambassador."

"Are you an American?"

"Yes; born of American parents residing abroad. I arrived from the States last night. Do you wish to see my passport?"

"That's not necessary at present. I suggest you state your business. If it's something I can't handle—or if it's important enough — an appointment will be made for you with his excellency."

Joyce sat down without taking her eyes off him. She was puzzled. Here was a young man, the very antithesis of Mike Kirkpatrick in looks, manner and breeding, yet all she felt was bitter disappointment. Why? Suddenly the answer swept over her. She was face to face with the mask that had defeated her father — immature, perhaps, its veneer not yet solidified, but the same unfeeling mask.

"What's your name?" she asked.

"Dirk Van Suttart," he replied, betrayed by a suddenness of the question. A glint lit in his eye and color rose to his cheeks, but he quickly controlled his anger and raised one eyebrow. "Really, Miss Sewell, while you requested a personal interview I didn't realize you were contemplating an exchange of confidences."

"I like to know to whom I am talking," said Joyce coolly. "I think you'll find my business is quite personal. I'm the daughter and sole heir of the late Cutler Sewell and there's a file in this office under his name. I wish to know my rights. Am I entitled to have copies of the dispatches, or to examine them, or to be given a resume, or—if all that is impossible—can I be informed of the last step in the negotiation?"

By this time both Van Suttart's eyebrows were raised to the limit. "No copy of any dispatch can be given to anybody," he declared, "except by specific direction of the Department of State, and the same restriction applies to the balance of your question. May I ask to what this file refers?"

"To my father's property in this country."

"I thought so, Miss Sewell. Americans abroad suffer from an unfortunate delusion which you seem to share that the foreign service is maintained for their individual convenience. It isn't. It was created for the benefit of the United States as a whole and of the taxpayers at home who foot the bills. Haven't you heard of the Mexican claims commission in Washington?"

"I have."

"That, my dear young lady, is where you should file your petition."

"I did, through my father, when I was eight years old. I'm not eight now, Mr. Van Suttart, though you seem to think so. The Mexican claims commission has been sitting for a great many years considering claims amounting to $250,000,000. Has it settled a single case?"

"I'm not at liberty to say."

"You mean you don't know? I'll tell you, it hasn't—not one."

"Miss Sewell, this conversation is getting us nowhere. May I say in conclusion that I've given you all the advice—the only advice — to which you are entitled? The embassy can do nothing to help you—nothing whatever."

"Help!" exclaimed Joyce. "I didn't come here for help; I asked for certain information. Are you sure you have the authority to refuse it?"

"Quite sure."

(To be Continued)

Your Individual HOROSCOPE

By Frances Drake

For Friday, December 20th

MARCH 21 to APRIL 20 (Aries) —The outlook is pleasant, progressive, fruitful. Be your industrious, ambitious and engaging self that you may be sure to reap the harvest intended for you.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20 (Taurus)—Attend to all necessary work possible before 3 P.M. Do your shopping, make agreements and seek favors when the advantage arrives. After 3 P.M. indications warn against misrepresentation, quick anger and careless promises. Don't overindulge the appetite.

MAY 21 to JUNE 21 (Gemini)—This morning's rays are encouraging but an oncoming Moon-Mercury aspect advises against hasty thought and action and recklessness in anything. Be sensibly conservative and thoroughly straightforward in all your dealings. Your cleverness will see you through.

JUNE 22 to JULY 23 (Cancer)—A.M. especially favorable for activities and interests important to your welfare. After 3:05 P.M.: Control temper and irritability. Others may carry a chip on their shoulders so don't invite trouble.

JULY 24 to AUGUST 22 (Leo)—Dealing in all useful commodities in decorative and artistic accessories, food stuffs, machinery, vehicles, tools, paints, metals and mining materials should be profitable. Beneficent Moon-Saturn vibrations.

AUGUST 23 to SEPTEMBER 23 (Virgo) — Neither excessive activity nor inertia are the right course. Strike an even, smooth stride and stick to it. You'll accomplish quickly in familiar work.

SEPTEMBER 24 to OCTOBER 23 (Libra) — You'll likely find that period before 4 P.M. most advantageous for important work, meetings, conferences and other urgent issues. Don't be diverted from a calm, serene path in late P.M.

OCTOBER 24 to NOVEMBER 22 (Scorpio) — Building, mining, laboratory work, shipping, transportation, road construction, work with machinery, tools and blue prints are especially favored. You employed in laboratory work should find today to your liking.

NOVEMBER 23 to DECEMBER 22 (Sabittarius) — Your success and attainment will be determined by the amount of energy you employ (Aquarius) — May not be particular period for aggressive matters. You have endurance and capability, put them to the test.

DECEMBER 23 to JANUARY 21 (Capricorn) — Research, making improvements on mechanical devices, all scientific work with metals and their alloys, shipbuilding, in fact all industrial lines are sponsored by favorable Saturn rays.

JANUARY 22 to FEBRUARY 20 (Aquarius) — May not be particularly auspicious for writings, creating artistic work or for travel for pleasure. Favorable for urgent activities, shopping, study, domestic interests.

FEBRUARY 20 to MARCH 20 (Pisces) — Friendly on whole, especially if you don't expect an avalanche of good luck to tumble into your lap. Be content to move forward, even if slowly. Domestic and other private affairs tops.

A CHILD BORN ON THIS DAY will be dependable, honest, painstaking in details, thorough in everything it undertakes. Inclined to be obstinate and rash in some respects. A fine character well worth patient and loving upbringing. Should be given as much education as possible.

GLASGOW—(CP) — Patrick McErlane was sentenced to three months imprisonment for making a signal by an electric torch "intended by him to be received by aircraft for a purpose prejudicial to the defence of the realm."

A Morning Smile

IT'S A GENERAL RULE

"Theodore, what do you have to do when you draw some money out of a bank?" asked an innocent young wife. "You have to put some money in the bank beforehand," replied the husband. "That's always been my experience!"

OVER THE FENCE

Mrs. Jones (during row): "You ought to carry two gas masks, Mrs. Harris."

Mrs. Marris: "Why?"

Mrs. Jones: "'Cos, you're two-faced!"

Dorothy Dix Says—

WE MUST LOOK AT FACTS AND DO LESS WISHFUL THINKING

Happiness is a Home-Made Product, And Women Should Adopt This Philosophy For Their Own Good

Now when the world is drenched in tears and blood and when the future seems so dark and bleak, women need as they never have before, some philosophy of life from which they can draw strength and comfort, and which ties together all of this bungling business we call living and makes sense of it and justifies it. And, unfortunately, not many of us have the long-range vision that enables us to see the pathway we must tread as a whole. We cannot look beyond the next turn of the road. That is why there are so many peevish, fretful women; why there are so many women who bog down into chronic listlessness and unhappiness. They need something to shake them out of their apathy, something to solace them in their disappointments, some slogan to rally their fainting spirits, something to make them realize that if weeping comes with the night rejoicing comes with the morning. And the only way they can meet this need is by cultivating a philosophy that will enable them to accept life as it comes, and make the most of it. Now not every crutch fits the same shoulder. Every woman must make her own. And if she wants it to bear her weight when she most needs its support she must fashion it out of things as they are, instead of things as she would like to have them. Wishful thinking is the curse of the feminine sex. Millions of women spend their lives in torment because they long to be what they can never be, and to have things that are forever out of their reach.

The basis of every woman's philosophy of life should consist in cutting her garment according to her cloth, as the old proverb puts it. Let her once realize that she is no glamor girl; that no talent scout will ever discover her and bear her off to Hollywood to get a million-dollar salary; that no Fairy Prince is ever going to come riding down her street, and she has booked her passage for the Islands of the Blest.

She has kissed Old Man trouble good-by. She has eliminated the hopeless struggle to be beautiful though homely. She is no longer tormented by ambitions that she lacks the talent to realize. And she can marry the corner grocer instead of being an old maid; waiting for the millionaire who never comes.

Happiness Is Home-made

The next thing that women should remember in formulating their philosophy of life is that happiness is a home-made product. It doesn't come put up in cans and it isn't for sale over the counter.

Every woman must roll her own. She will be happy, or unhappy, as she wills herself to be, for happiness is mostly self-hypnosis and she will be what she thinks herself to be.

She can drown in tears of self-pity, or laugh off her troubles and be the life of her own party. It is up to every individual mother's daughter of us whether we will be jolly Bet or sobbing Sue.

A woman's philosophy of life includes contentment with her lot which, like happiness, is also a home brew which each of us must make for ourselves in our own souls out of common sense and courage.

Needlessly Miserable

Half of the women in the world are needlessly miserable because they make themselves so. They cultivate a dislike for some place in which they have to live, or the work they have to do until they turn a minor unpleasantness into a tragedy that wrecks their happiness.

The place, however, where women most need some philosophy to sustain them is in marriage, for no marriage ever comes up to a young girl's expectations of what it was going to be. Even the best of husbands are hard to live with.

Every child is a combination of brat and angel that makes its mother think upon occasion that it was a mistake to have saved it. Every wife has her times and seasons, when she is tired and overworked and discouraged, when she envies her bachelor girl friends who have jobs and pay envelopes and eats instead of husbands, and when she wonders why she ever was fool enough to get herself into the domestic mess.

What Woman Teaches

Then it is she needs to hold fast to the knowledge that she has chosen the greatest career that any woman ever fills, and that she is doing the most important work that any woman ever does in the world.

Then she needs to remember for her comfort that the woman architect draws pretty pictures of houses, but she makes the homes on which civilization rests; that the woman novelist invent stories about imaginary people, but she holds real palyitating life in her hands; that the woman politician helps pass laws but she teaches the children at her knees the principles by which the world shall be guided a hundred years after she is dead.

It is the women who have the wisdom and the strength and courage to make the most of themselves and of now and here, and to be content with their lots, who achieve a philosophy of life to live by and die by.

DOROTHY DIX.

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THE COOK'S CORNER

RICH DARK CAKE

1 lb. butter, 2 cups sugar, 12 eggs, 1 cup molasses (not too dark) 1 teaspoon lemon extract, 1 teaspoon orange extract, 4 cups bread flour, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1-2 teaspoon allspice, 1-2 teaspoon cloves, 1 teaspoon salt 1 lb. nuts (brazils, pecans, walnuts or mixed), 1 lb. blanched almonds, 1 lb. seeded raisins, 1 lb. pitted dates, 1-2 lb. citron, sliced, 1-2 lb. candied lemon peel, sliced, 1-2 lb. candied orange peel, sliced.

Method: Cream butter until very soft and creamy, adding sugar gradually and creaming well after each addition add well-beaten eggyokes and mix thoroughly; add molasses, lemon and orange extract and beat well. Sift flour, spices and salt together. Put nust and fruit in a large bowl, and (sift flour and spices over them and mix thoroughly. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Add floured nuts and fruits alternately with egg whites to creamed mixture until all are used. Turn into brown paper-lined pans or pasteboard boxes, filling at least three-quarters full. Decorate each cake with pieces of candied pineapple, candied cherries, citron and blanched almonds, being careful to lay fruit and nuts on gently so as not to press into batter. Bake in slow oven (250 deg. F.) oven 2-1-2 to 3 hours, depending on size of cakes. Immediately when cake is removed from oven, pour 2 tablespoons apricot brandy or glazing syrup over. This recipe makes a very moist cake. If top browns before cake is cooked, cover it with brown paprika. This cake will keep indefinitely.

CHERRY FRUIT CAKE

3 eggs, 1 1-2 cups fruit sugar, 1-2 lb. butter, 1 lb. white sultana raisins, 1-4 cup chopped orange peel, 1 1-2 cups canned shredded pineapple, 1-4 lb. candied cherries, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 3-4 cups flour, 1-2 cup pineapple juice, 1 cup shredded cocoanut.

Cream sugar and butter together then add yolk of eggs. Add flour and fruit juice alternately, then coconut and whites of eggs beaten stiff. Add fruit. Have oven hot when you put cake in reduce heat and cook slowly for two hours.

AN ECONOMICAL CAKE

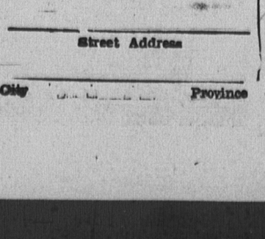
Ingredients: 1 lb. flour, 1-4 lb. butter, 1-4 lb. lard, 1-2 lb. sugar, 1-2 lb. currants, 1-2 lb. raisins, 2 oz. mixed peel, a little grated nutmeg, 2 eggs and a little milk, 1-4 teaspoon salt, and 3 teaspoons of baking powder.

Method: Rub the butter and lard into the flour, and mix in the salt and baking powder, add the sugar, raisins, currants and mixed peel and a little grated nutmeg, and mix with the eggs well beaten and a little milk.

TO KEEP CAKES

When the rich fruit cakes are quite cold, brush them over with a little brandy, or rum, or wrap them in a tin until two or three days before they are required, when they must be taken out and iced. When the icing has hardened the cake is ready.

Your Money Goes Farther If You Budget Expenses



Pay Bills and Enjoy Life, Too

Torn between buying a gift and paying the gas bill. A distressingly familiar problem when you don't budget your income.

There never seems to be enough left over for fun, or for pet plans, after the bills are paid. Then, if you do splurge, what a jam; you need months to catch up.

But budgeting, you may think, means dreary bookkeeping, even more skimping. And how can a budget give you more money?

Your modern budget provides for fun and bills, too, and when you've once decided how much to spend for each item — food, clothes, rent and so on — your account-keeping is very simple. Yes, and when you plan your spending and buy cleverly, you do have more money in your pocket.

Plan your meals by the week, your clothes by the year. Buy the larger-priced items, such as Winter coats, at sales. Watch seasonal prices in meats and remember that cheese dishes are often a tasty substitute for meat.

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Living & Leisure —The Woman's Realm

John Oxenham

On Christmas Day the Child was born,
On Christmas Day in the morning;
To tread the long way, lone and lorn,
To wear the bitter crown of thorns
To break the heart by man's sin torn
To die at last the Death of Scorn
For this The Child of the Maid was born,
On Christmas Day in the morning
He trod the long way, lone and lorn
He wore the bitter crown of thorns
His hands and feet and heart were torn,
He died at last the Death of Scorn.
But through His coming Death was slain,
That you and I might live again.

For this the Child of the Maid was born
On Christmas Day in the morning.

THE MISTLETOE

The Mistletoe, the legend goes, was once an upstanding forest tree, but of its wood the cross was made and it fell under the curse that it should henceforth be nothing but a parasite, depending for its life on other plants.

Pliny in his Natural History published about 77 A. D. describes how whitevested Druid cut the mistletoe with a golden sickle and distributed it as an all-healing remedy.

It became a part of Christmas decorations because the people of former generations believed that the fairies were heathen folk and so must be banished from their homes when they became Christians; but at Chrismatstide they might be allowed in to hear the good news of the birth of Christ, and so evergreens were hung up as bowers for them.

Picture Supports

When you have the picture down from the wall cleaning it, look over its wire or cord carefully and see that it is in good condition before returning it to its place. You may save the fall of a valuable painting by this little investigation.

TO PROTECT NAILS

Keep a pencil by the telephone and do your dialing with this instead of your finger. Then you will understand why never before could you keep the polish intact on your index finger. Dialing is hard on the polish.

Six counties in England have over a million acres each.

LOQUACIOUS COOLIDGE

Before Calvin Coolidge left for the White House, so the story goes, his Vermount neighbours decided to recognize his devotion to the old farm by giving him a hand-made rake. They made the presentation an elaborate ceremonial. The orator who presented the rake dwelt on the qualities of the hickory wood from which he said it was made. "Hickory," he said, "like the president is sturdy, strong, resilient, unbroken," and so on, and so on. Then he handed the rake to Mr. Coolidge and the audience settled back for the speech of acknowledgement. The president turned the implement over, scrutinized it carefully, and then made his address in a single word. "Ash," he said.

"SWEET POTATO"

An ocarina is a small wind musical instrument, made of terra-cotta. It gives off soft flute-like notes and popularly is known as a "sweet potato."

MOON FARMING UNSUPPORTED

Moon farming, the planting of seeds in accordance with certain phases of the moon, has absolutely no support from any scientific point of view, according to a report of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Many persons of a superstitious nature still bow to the moon when first they see it, and turn the coins in their pockets.

TEEN-AGE GIRL SHOULD BE TAUGHT IMPORTANCE OF HAND GROOMING

Special for Mademoiselle! A new manicure case dedicated to the "young in hand." Mademoiselle herself will love it, it's such a pretty thing. Madame will like it too—there's so much more in it than in streamlined travel cases.

Powder polish and a buffer are its two special extras. For buffing is a habit we should start when very young like the "hundred strokes" we give our hair. Grandma had to do it to keep her nails shining. We just have to remember that it's a circulation-starter, and awfully good for nails. But here's another thing buffing does—it smooths the nail surface that means polish will go on more smoothly, and because it does, it will wear much longer. Also in the set are polish, cuticle removers, and four fine implements.

If she's just at the party age and is begging to "wear polish, please, for dress-up", it's high time to check up on her nail-caring ways. Here are her "three R's"!

Buffing every night, ten strokes to a nail—and in one direction only, to avoid burning.

Cuticle pushed carefully back at least twice a week.

Nails shaped in gently rounded ovals.

Every bit of liquid polish thoroughly removed the minute the first nail shows signs of "wear." Fingertips spick and span, always. This means a thorough soap-and-water scrubbing several times a day, and a white nail pencil used once or twice a week to keep that grimy look at bay. No rushing in putting polish on. Careful ways started young, stick by us.

Pale shades for parties. When she's old enough to wear her first black evening dress, it's time enough to think of deeper colors.

A CAROL

Winds through the olive trees
Softly did blow
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.
Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter then snow
Shepherds were watching them
Long, long ago.
Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.
For in a manger bed
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

KISS YOUR TIRED FEELING GOODBYE!

Pepless Many Suffer Low Blood Count—And Don't Know It.

The baffling thing about low blood count is that you can weigh about as much as you ever did — even look healthy and strong, yet — you can feel as if you had lead in your legs, dopey, tired and pepless.

Low blood count means you haven't got enough red blood corpuscles. It is their vital job to carry life-giving oxygen to your lungs throughout your body. And just as it takes oxygen to explode gasoline in your car and make the power to turn the wheels, so you must have plenty of oxygen to explode the energy in your body and give you going power.

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SWEDEN'S TREES STAND

STOCKHOLM—(CP) — Sweden's pulp and timber export business is crippled by war blockades and many of the nation's pulp, paper and saw mills have stopped operations.

MAKING AN EXAMPLE

MANCHESTER —(CP) —Declaring that looting was a crime "that must be stamped out," a judge sentenced a dock laborer to five years' penal servitude for looting after an air raid.