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The Harvey Girls

By Samuel Hopkins Adams
That the pretender had to produce some sort of explanation was only too plain when Hazel came out to meet him after clearing up was over, a determined light in the violet eyes. "That was a cable-gram, wasn't it, Chris?"
"Yes."
"Are you going back?"
"Not if I can help it."
"That means you are. You said it wasn't bad news."
"Not bad, exactly. You see, I was in a bit of a mess in England."
"I wondered if it wasn't that," she murmured.
"There was a game one night at White's.... Hazel had never heard of the famous club."
"Well, it's a place in London where they play for stakes."
"Is it one of those Whitechapel places I've read about?"
Chris repressed a natural inclination. "No, not that low. The game was baccarat. It broke up in a frightful mess and I and a couple of my pals were accused of cheating. The family made no end of a row. As I was too fuddled to know much about it, I thought the best thing was to clear out. It didn't seem to signify much what I did with myself until I met you. Now, it appears, some Johnny has made a deathbed confession and all that, and my name, such as it is, is cleared."
"It isn't your name, is it, Chris?"
"Well—er—not exactly," he confessed uncomfortably.
"Did you change it on account of the police?"
"Eh? Oh, I say! The police didn't enter into it."
"Chris, I may as well tell you. I've been pretty sure for a long time what you are."
"No! Have you?" she muttered feebly.
"You're a professional gambler, like Ned Trent. I suspected you had been in some kind of scrape, too. I'm so glad you're cleared. I couldn't bear to think of you being a crook. I want you to promise me one thing."
A flash of inspiration came to him. Here was a way out, without recourse to the law direct, which Hazel might find it hard to forgive. "That I won't gamble any more?" he asked quickly.
"Yes."
"Promised," said Chris solemnly. All this took place between the first spatter of scandal over Lady "Babbling" Brooke's house party where the Prince of Wales had played, and the flood tide of exposure which rocked the English Court and stirred further the remote jetsam of Sandrock.

CHAPTER XXIV

With the advent of the afternoon mail, Terry Kelsey would lose himself in spicy and delicious detail, and in the evening would arrive on the Harvey porch with his copy of the newspaper duly marked for the delectation of Bella Torrance and other sturdy American souls. His satisfaction reached its zenith when the first-page reports detailed the testimony of the heir to the Crown, given in such manner as hardly to enhance the First Gentleman's reputation for wholehearted veracity.
"What do you think of that?" he crowed, pointing out the juiciest commentary to his Bella. "There's a scion of aristocracy for you! There's the kind of skunk that's going to be King of England one of these days."
"No, Chris! Please!" said Hazel Biggs's urgent voice, back of him. There was a brief scuffle, and the Englishman stood before Terry, who jumped to his feet. Chris was ghastly pale. "Will you step outside?" he gasped.
"Surest thing you know," asserted the telegrapher.
On the terrace, Chris, who had descended first, walked up to his opponent. "You're a rotten Irish liar," he said.
"I'll knock your bloomin' British teeth out, you little shrimp," taunted Terry.
"Behind the tower," said Chris. Betting was lively as the little procession, augmented at every step, made its way across the open. Chris was shaking all over. But it was from rage, not fear. Terry was laughing and advising his friends to win some easy money on him. But his eyes were wary. Biggity Smith, who had once fought as an amateur, was chosen referee. He announced the terms, which were simple. Finish fight. Nothing barred but kicking, biting and gouging. As soon as the veranda exit was left unguarded by the departing men, Ruby Watrous spoke up. "I want to see the fight. There hasn't been any excitement around her for so long. Wouldn't you want to go, Hazel?"
The beauty shuddered. "No. I'd be afraid."
"I'm with you, Ruby," said Angie Sackett unexpectedly.
The sporting element, as represented by Ruby and Angie, slipped out. Afraid to show themselves in the constantly swelling crowd, they climbed halfway up the tower stairs whence, by craning out around the curve, they could attain a bird's-eye view of the proceedings above the heads of the closely packed circle.
The combatants whirled into the fourth round with savage enthusiasm. From the high and distant post, the girls could not see who was getting the better of it. Terry seemed to be constantly rushing in, and his smaller but livelier opponent nodding back. Yet every now and again, the Irishman would be stopped "in his tracks. Blood began to flow down his chin again. He loosed a two-handed flurry which sent Maule staggering away, only to dance back. They went into a fast exchange and clinched.
(To be continued)

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The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She wore a floor length gown of white with sweet-heart neck and lace mitts. Her full length veil fell in graceful folds from a halo. She carried a white prayer book with white streamers.
Mrs. Ralph Jewers was matron of honor and looked charming in a floor length gown of mauve net with shoulder length veil. They both wore lace mitts and carried prayer books with streamers to match their gowns. Cornelius Fleming, brother of the bride and Augustus Arsenault were groomsmen.
Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the home of the groom's parents. The bride's mother wore a street length dress of black and white net with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore a navy street length dress with black accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations.
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To all Farmers in Prince Edward Island:
This is a special letter to you from your Board of Directors. No doubt you have been following through the press and radio some of the activities of both the Provincial and Canadian Federations.

We are continuously being called upon to assume greater responsibilities and it is essential to have both your moral and financial support. We must continue to work on a voluntary and independent basis with the control in the hands of the farmers. Some of the bigger problems on hand at present are:

1. The establishment of satisfactory parity price policy for food products.
2. The urgent oleo-margarine problem.
3. The need for further study and adjustments of Income Tax policies.
4. Assistance in working out satisfactory Dominion and Provincial Marketing Legislation.
5. The setting up of a National Hog Producers Committee within the Federation to assist in negotiating better marketing agreements and policies for our Canadian bacon. The C. F. A. were specially asked for assistance in this matter.
6. The Federation is also assisting the Federal Government in extending markets for poultry, eggs and other products.

Those issues directly affect every farmer on the Island.

For the information of those who have not been in contact with Federation activities in the past we might mention a few of the policies which resulted directly from Federation of Agriculture work and recommendations:

1. The Freight Assistance policy on feed grains which amounts to about \$7.90 saved on every ton of feed grain we import either as whole grain or in mixtures. Figure out how much this has saved for you during the past five years.
2. Premiums on bacon hogs.
3. The Prices Support Board, which has saved every potato producer hundreds of dollars since its inception.
4. The weather forecast and Farm Broadcast setup.
5. Dozens of other subsidies, floors and ceilings on food products which help to stabilize prices for both Farmers and Consumers.
6. The annual Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference each fall between Dominion Government officials and our C.F.A. Directors, where the Canadian Agricultural program is carefully studied and outlined.

Our Provincial Federation needs first of all the confidence and support of all farmers in the province. Then it needs finances to be able to carry on the work and look after our increasing demands and needs. We've got to open an office and hire a full time Secretary to do the detailed work of our organization.

In other provinces and in England the Farmers' Union or Federation membership fees, are collected on a voluntary basis along with the land taxes. We have no land taxes but with your co-operation we can set up a simple and permanent system of financing in each school district. We can become a member by paying your membership fee to your School Secretary before March 22nd. He will forward it to the Federation and you will receive direct your membership card for 1949. You will then have a vote at Federation of Agriculture meetings which we hope to hold regularly at different points throughout the province.

This is the only means that the provincial Federation of Agriculture has of raising the necessary finances. It is your organization and it depends entirely upon your interest and support. The Federation works not only for the advantages of the farmer but also for the welfare of consumers. Everyone must be protected and kept informed in these changing times and only if we are united and informed can we protect our interests and insure a decent standard of living for all.

Bona fide farmers are eligible for membership. The membership is only \$1.00 per year but many are contributing more than this minimum.

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Yours very truly,
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The Experts Say

By KAY REX (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, March 6—(CP)—Hot biscuits, scones, or muffins always rate a special burst of approval when they make their appearance at the family breakfast-table.

While oatmeal Flaks or Scones may be an old Scottish favorite, home economists of the department of agriculture, have adapted the old-time recipe to the Canadian way of measuring and mixing.
Ingredients: one cup pastry flour (sifted), or seven-eighths of a cup of sifted all-purpose flour; three teaspoons baking-powder; one-half teaspoon salt; one cup fine oatmeal; three tablespoons shortening; two-thirds cup milk.
Mix and sift flour, baking-powder and salt. Add oatmeal. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add milk slowly to form a soft but not sticky dough. Knead lightly on a floured board until smooth. Roll out to three-quarters of an inch in thickness and cut into triangular shapes or rounds. Brush top of each with milk and bake in a very hot oven (425 degrees Fahrenheit) for 15 minutes. Yield: 12 medium-sized scones.

When buying eggs wise, home-makers always keep one eye on the grade mark—they know that a dozen "large" eggs will weigh 24 ounces or more, while "medium" eggs weigh between 22 and 24 ounces a dozen and "pullet" eggs around 18 ounces.

While the size of an egg, cooked in the shell or poached, makes little difference to the consumer, it can be most important in cake-making or thickening. For this reason many recipes now read

"one-quarter cup egg whites" or "one cup egg whites."
Home economists of the department of agriculture, have tested eggs and found that although the yolks of different sized eggs did not vary greatly, there was a big difference in the whites.
To obtain one cup of egg whites required 10 "pullet" eggs, but only six "large" eggs.
When beaten, the whites of two "large" eggs would make a generous deep meringue for a pie, whereas it would require three "pullet" eggs to obtain approximately the same volume.

Roast lamb can reappear on the table in a new and appetizing form if the cold roast is cut in thin slices, placed in a baking-dish and covered with the following tangy sauce.
Ingredients: two tablespoons lamb dripping; one small onion

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(chopped); 1½ tablespoons vinegar; 1½ tablespoons brown sugar; one cup water; one-half teaspoon paprika; one-half teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; one-half teaspoon dry mustard; dash of cayenne pepper; one-half cup of chili sauce or three-quarters cup tomato ketchup. Salt and pepper to taste. Brown chopped onion in hot fat. Add other ingredients and combine thoroughly.

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