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A Morning Smile

"And what?" asked the Chief on the cannibal islands, in his kindest tones, "was your business before you were captured by my men?"

"I was a newspaper man," answered the captive.

"An editor?"

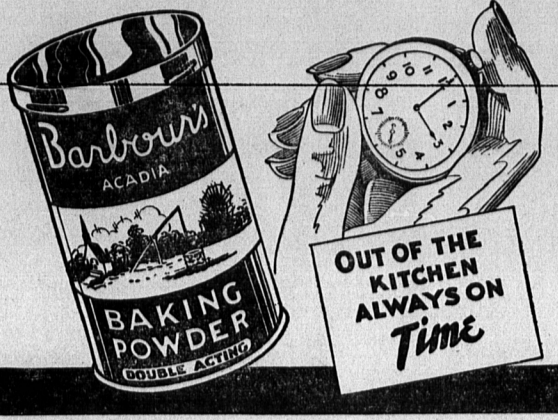
"No, merely a sub-editor."

"Cheer up, young man! Promotion awaits you. After dinner you shall be editor-in-chief!"

Mrs. Binks went on a day trip to the country.

"I'm at a loss to understand your conduct when we parted," she said to her husband on her return. "I said good-bye to you. Why didn't you say good-bye in response?"

"I was going to," was the meek reply, "but I checked myself, I was afraid you'd accuse me of trying to have the last word."



Plane Jane

By ROBERTA COURTLAND

CHAPTER IX

Inside the tidy little house which Aunt Emily had brightened with flowers from her backyard garden, Greg looked about the living room appreciatively.

"Sa-a-ay! This is great!" he said to Jane. "I haven't seen anything so cheerful and well-homelike, since I was a kid."

"Don't compliment me on it—it's Aunt Emily's housekeeping, not mine, that makes it look like this," said Jane. Then she took a look around as though Greg's words had opened her eyes to her home.

"She added, in a tone of surprise, 'This sort of cheerful and cozy, isn't it?'"

That brought a momentary twinkle into Aunt Emily's eyes.

"Just make yourselves at home, gentlemen, while Jane and I get supper ready," she said briskly, bustling off toward the kitchen.

Jane dragged off the hated floppy hat and flung it carelessly in the general direction of a chair. She ran her fingers through her tightly waved hair, loosening it into something more like her usual tousled coiffure.

As she turned to leave the room, Sam asked mildly "Haven't you forgotten something, brat?"

She stopped in surprise. "Forgotten something?"

Sam indicated the floppy hat, which was half off and half on the chair. With a little laugh, she caught it up and went out of the room with it.

"Have to keep the kid in order a bit or she'd completely forget that she's a girl," Sam said to Greg, with a smile.

Greg nodded. "It seems a shame that she should ever have started forgetting that fact. She's got the makings of a darned fine woman."

Sam's sandy eyebrows went up. "I gather you don't approve of the way she's been brought up?"

"Do you?" asked Greg.

"And what's so wrong about the way she's been brought up?" demanded Sam, pug-nosedly.

Greg shrugged. "If you can't see it yourself, I guess I can't make you see it. She's—well, she's a pretty swine person. She'd make some man a fine wife, but she's brought up like other girls, she's been thinking now about beaux and so on—about meeting the right man, marrying him and making a home. Instead, she acts like a little tomboy and full of crazy ideas about having a career in a field where women don't belong."

Sam said mildly "So your attitude is that a woman's place is in the home. I don't see how any one could still hang on to such an old-fashioned idea in this day and age."

"You might call it that," Greg answered, rather grimly. "I had to sign 'Country Orphans' Home. Once, when I was seven, I was taken out for adoption. You know the eye-brows I had on my forehead for six months. At the end of that time if they like you and the Board like them, the adoption goes forward with legal papers and all that. Well, I was taken to the Orphan's Home, I wasn't really worried, though, because I thought that they were—well, fond of me."

Greg paused and, for a moment, there was silence.

Then Sam asked, "And what happened?"

"They found they were going to have a child of their own," Greg went on, slowly. "Their doctor had assured them a year before that there was little or no hope of such a thing, and so they had decided to adopt a child. But on discovering that there was to be one of their own—well, they shipped me back to the home after I'd had nearly six months of realizing that that word had more than one meaning."

"Gosh! What a rotten trick to play on a kid!" said Sam.

Greg smiled bitterly. "So that's why I've always been just a little hipped about old-fashioned things—such as a real, honest-to-goodness home with a woman in it who thinks that making a home and rearing a family is a pretty swell career all by itself."

Sam nodded. "You give me a new slant on you, fellow. I can understand a little better what I thought was a cock-eyed attitude toward Jane and her ambitions. I can even begin to almost, anyway, to forgive you for that story you wrote about her a few days ago."

"Forgive me?" Greg laughed shortly. "Considering her ambitions, I should think you and she would be grateful to me for that story. After all, that's what brought Alec Randall here to see her."

"Yes, and to treat her to the nicest little bit of humiliation she's ever had, poor kid!" Sam cut in.

"Oh, he'll be back. There are no great depths to be plumbed in Doris Jewett's smart mind. I assure you, she's pretty and alluring—and empty-headed! Alec Randall will be back to see Jane soon enough—or else he's more of a fool than even I think him, and that seems scarcely likely."

"Do you know the bloke?"

"I covered some of his activities when I worked on metropolitan papers, before I raked up enough coin to buy out this Oaktown sheet," said Greg. "He's probably the world's greatest publicity-booster. He'll stand for anything as long as it gets his name and his good-looking mug in the papers."

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 And nobody helped us along,
 If each every minute looked after himself
 And good things all went to the strong;
 If nobody cared just a little for you
 And nobody thought about me,
 And we all stood alone in the battle of life—
 What a dreary old world this would be.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made
 And the things which in common we share;
 We want to live on, not because of ourselves,
 But because of the people who are giving and doing for somebody else.

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 And the joy of this world when it's all added up,
 Is found in the making of friends.
 —Selected.

USEFUL SHOWER GIFT

An excellent shower gift for the early fall bride, would be some generous-sized heavy pile bath towels. There's a wide variety of designs in weave and color in the shops, and you can make your gift even more interesting by wrapping to match the pattern.

STRANGE BELIEF

A British officer in Nigeria awoke one morning to find his garden badly trampled. A native constable had seen a crocodile doing damage but had not driven it off because he believed it to be a deceased chief who had returned to see how his people were faring.

CAN HE?

A canner exceedingly canny, One morning remarked to his granny: "A canner can can anything that he can; But a canner can't can a can can he?"

PAINT SKIPPING POOR ECONOMY

Painting is one of the most important operations in the building of a new house from the standpoint of both appearance and upkeep. Skimping in painting is the poorest kind of economy while quality materials properly mixed and placed are the best insurance against future repair bills. All millwork should receive a prime coat before or immediately after installation.

Exterior woodwork should be painted with not less than three coats of paint, including the prime coat except where shingles and half-timber work, which may have two coats of stain or penetrating oil. When especially prepared by the manufacturer for the purpose, two-coat paint may be used, but it should be applied in strict accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

All masonry or concrete walls, when painted, should have at least two brush coats of paint especially prepared for the purpose and applied according to recommendations.

Interior woodwork, if painted, should have at least two and preferably three coats of flat paint, or two coats of flat and one of enamel. In kitchens and bathrooms, a high-gloss enamel is advisable, as it is easier to keep clean and will stand more wear.

ARE YOU GOING ON MOTOR TRIP?

The woman who plans to spend a great part of her vacation scurrying across the countryside in an automobile should be busily ransacking her favorite stores for suits and dresses which won't wrinkle or show soil so easily. She should resolve not to wear

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little numbers in which she'll be ashamed to be seen if her husband suddenly decides to throw the picnic lunch out the window and she had to dine at a good roadside inn. She should determine not to let her hair fly all over the place, or to wear shoes which will make her husband wish he could leave her in the car when he happens to remember that "Old Joe lives in this town."

Ideal Wardrobe

For a two weeks' automobile trip, an ideal wardrobe might include: A suit of dark green, black, brown or navy shantung or non-crinkle, cool spun rayon; another suit of rayon or crepe with non-crinkle linen; at least six blouses, three of which can be washed and ironed during an overnight stop, if necessary two pairs of shoes, three or four pairs of white cotton gloves; a turban or close fitting hat that is smart with both suits and a topcoat.

In addition, your chic tourist will take along one street-length dress, suitable for dinner in a hotel, or a friend's home where there's to be a brief stop-over. And an evening dress with a removable jacket.

If she is going to play golf along the way or stop to catch a few brook trout now and then, she'll add a special outfit for each of these out-of-the-car activities. Otherwise the two suits with plenty of blouses should see her through a two-weeks' tour.

The topcoat can be soft, lightweight wool or heavy melton depending on whether the car is heading north or south. Both the dinner dress and the street-length dress-up dress may be of lace or tulle, but add a special outfit for each of these out-of-the-car activities. Otherwise the two suits with plenty of blouses should see her through a two-weeks' tour.

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A white seersucker blouse is a "buzzy" item. It doesn't require ironing. White cotton gloves are equally trouble-saving. They can be rinsed out in any old tourist camp and dried in the car en route. Black and white or brown and white spectator pumps are perfect to wear in a car. So are airy sandals of featherweight alligator in black or brown.

CHINS UP! RELAX!

School girls are often rather plump, but they need not worry too much about it, for more often than not they grow out of it. They can help themselves tremendously too, by sternly resisting what someone calls "The Three S's—sundaes, soda and second helpings!"

But plumpness and bad posture are two different things. If something definite is not done about posture while a girl is in her teens it will be too late to do anything about it later.

Here is a simple spine drill which will do wonders for the posture if faithfully done several times a day. Stand against a wall with feet forward about six inches, slowly relax, letting the upper half of the body lean forward from the waist, arms hanging down and body end up gradually, "rolling up" the wall, feeling your spine touch at every spot. Now, keeping elbows against the wall, raise the arms gradually and see how high you can reach without relaxing the back. Repeat several times.

And then there's the old favorite—walking on your head—a sound with a bit silly, but it works miracles. You can do it when listening to the radio.

Here's another—lie on the floor and with arms crossed on breast rise slowly to a sitting position. Repeat five times.

And one last thought—good posture is pretty much a matter of mind. Straight thinking, happy thoughts, and an optimistic outlook will have its effect on the carriage of the body, and incidentally, a "chin-up" physical attitude will develop, almost automatically, a "chin-up" mental attitude.

HOW TO LIGHTEN DISHWASHING

Washing dishes isn't a popular job. In fact, it is the bane of most of us, for it is a job that comes regularly each day of the year unless we are away from home. And usually it is a three-times-a-day duty. Since it has to be done, it is best to approach it in a properly organized manner based on an intelligent technique.

Whether the job is a chore or a joy depends largely on the state of mind with which it is undertaken and the method used. The state of mind should be influenced by the fact that since the job has to be done, it might as well be cheerfully undertaken, and that the properly cleaned dish is a good health guarantee. Even within the small family circle there is the chance of circulating bacteria through the eating utensils.

FIRST STEP

First of all the dishwashing task should begin during the preparation of a meal. Of course it may not always be expedient to wash and dry and put away each pot and bowl and utensil just after it has been used, but there can seldom be a legitimate reason for not rinsing these and at least stacking them neatly in readiness for a thorough soap and water washing when the cooking is under way.

It is the sight of pots and pans and bowls that generally starts the homemaker when she starts to wash dishes. If as many as possible of these are out of the way the table china and cutlery will be too formidable. By the time the meal is ready to be served, all work-tools should be washed and put away and the work spaces should be wiped clean.

In stacking dishes preparatory to washing, remember that glasses are usually the least items to be removed from the table but the first to be washed. Therefore, in organizing work space leave room for glasses near the sink. This is also true of silver.

There are all sorts of dishwashing gadgets, but the two essentials remain—plenty of hot water and plenty of suds. Long handled mops, rubber coated dish draining racks, steel wool and hose sprays help along the good work.

FAMILY BURNED

SHEFFIELD, England —(CP)—Mrs. Elizabeth Dickinson, 35, and four children, burned to death with fire that destroyed a house here.

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"I'm beginning to be darned glad he did give poor Jane the new down here to meet her in the 'at place."

"He did it for the publicity he would get out of it," explained Greg. "There will be stories about it in papers all over the country. A press association for which I'm the local correspondent wired me to cover his visit here. Word has evidently leaked out—which means that the whole thing has been carefully and adroitly planned to publicize him. It makes a good human-interest story—great flyer condescending to interest himself in an obscure girl novice."

"I see," said Sam, frowning. "Then he'll probably be here only a day or two, until he's got all the publicity he can hope for. Then he'll

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