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that she never had before. She and my stepfather come to visit us for protracted stays, during which she invites her friends to meals and expects me to cater to them exclusively. Mother is attractive, vivacious, and lots of fun, but there's a limit to everything.

ANSWER: If you feel that you can't take a firm stand with your mother, have your husband do it. The constant aggravation is affecting your health, and on that basis alone he can step in and insist on more privacy and less entertaining by you.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

have reached \$26.00. The sick committee reported and were re-appointed.

The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Jones, with Mrs. Borden Ford, Mrs. John Docherty and Mrs. Harold Morrow as lunch committee.

A pleasant hour of music was provided by Mrs. Vernon Hughes. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Waldo Stewart, Mrs. Earl Carter and Mrs. Ira Auld. The December roll call will be a Christmas gift for an orphanage child.

Harrington W.I. Annual Meeting

Mrs. Benjamin Newson was elected president of the Harrington Women's Institute at their annual meeting held the first Monday in November. Other officers elected were Mrs. Earl Carter, vice-president; Mrs. Preston Rodd, re-appointed secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Leigh Stewart, Mrs. John Jones and Mrs. Harold Morrow, appointed directors, and Mrs. Ira Auld and Mrs. John Docherty, the auditors. The Red Cross convener, Mrs. Harold Morrow, was re-appointed, and the organist is Mrs. Vernon Hughes.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Preston Rodd and was opened with the singing of the Institute carol and was conducted by the past president, Mrs. H.P. Cudmore, who in her remarks thanked the members for their kindly cooperation throughout the past year.

Roll call was answered with membership fees by 13 members and three visitors, who were later welcomed as members.

The minutes of the last monthly and annual meetings were read and the auditors' report revealed receipts to have been \$261.31 and expenditures \$221.10. Correspondence was dealt with and plans were finalized for the holding of a ham supper.

It was also agreed to obtain some entertainment, at which a Christmas bazaar will be held. The secretary reported donations to Cancer Fund still coming in, and to date as you say, this is the last time his name shall be mentioned. But he would have treated you openly and fairly, if he had decided to rebel. And certainly, he would not have skulked.

"Then where is he?" Marcia demanded. "And why is there no explanation, if some misunderstanding has occurred?"

Miss Deborah shook her head.

To be continued

False Face

By E. C. Buley

CHAPTER VI

When the "Berlinia" docked at Southampton, Marcia Soanes took up a position near the gangway, resolved that Peter Marchant should not leave the ship without speaking to her. She was in no humour to make the encounter a difficult one for him; she was prepared to effect a reconciliation.

After all, Peter had not disappointed her in the main affair; he had not defied her and precipitated a rupture of their engagement. She had got her own way; and like most women who are used to dominating, she was prepared to concede every minor point which might arise. Indeed, Marcia vowed that she would be an obedient wife, in matters reasonable or otherwise; always and forever, in consideration of the great sacrifice of pride which Peter had made, through his love for her.

She waited until nearly all the passengers had gone. One incident of her waiting diverted her thoughts momentarily from Peter; it was the departure of a man, with his coat collar turned up, and a big cap pulled down so as to hide most of his face.

"There he goes," she heard one of the stewards say. "That's Oswald Strang; and he's dodging the photographers, as usual."

Marcia had it in her mind to correct him, and explain that she had seen Oswald Strang make a hurried and almost furtive escape from the ship at Cherbourg; but it hardly seemed worth while. The man pointed out by the steward was nothing like the charmer who had whispered love songs for her especial benefit.

Then the time came when it was not possible for her to remain on the ship any longer; and still Peter had not appeared.

Once more she was under the disagreeable necessity of making inquiries about the occupant of a cabin, the number of which she was well able to supply. And her inquiries elicited the astounding reply that the gentleman in question had left the boat at Cherbourg.

At first she refused to believe it, but was confronted by the steward who had waited upon that cabin. The fellow, richly endowed with College Boy's bills, had his story ready.

"Mr. Marchant, Madam?" he asked. "Yes, I had a lot of trouble with him, all the way over. He was not himself when he came aboard, and he was never in a condition to leave his cabin."

"I refuse to believe it," Marcia cried, hot with anger. "It could not have been Mr. Marchant."

"The passport and papers were all in order, Miss Soanes, said the purser, before whom the inquiry took place.

"I did my best, sir," the steward said. "I refused to serve him with the rink he ordered; but he had his own supply. And pretty terrible stuff it was, I should say, by the way he looked."

"There was some mistake," Marcia said haughtily, retreating with dignity from an impossible situation. "I am more convinced than ever that your passenger was not Mr. Peter Marchant."

She managed to walk off the ship to her waiting car with some composure, her French maid following. But she was hurt and puzzled almost beyond endurance. The ride to her Berkshire home of Brookridge was a long agony. The wound was made the more intolerable by her uncertainty. Whether Peter had failed her, and remained behind in America, or had behaved as she was asked to believe, seemed to make no difference.

He had failed her in either case; and with insulting deliberation. She had issued her ultimatum, and this was the answer of Peter Marchant.

She avoided her Aunt Deborah, going straight to her room and giving orders that he was not to be disturbed. A sleepless night was spent in consideration of a future which held nothing of the happiness which she had always planned; but she visited her aunt in the morning, with a composed face and manner.

"Aunt dear," she began. "You can see for yourself what has happened. So you will understand that this is the last time that the name of Peter Marchant can be mentioned in my hearing. Now, go ahead and remind me that you told me so."

Miss Deborah answered by stretching out her open arms; and Marcia found relief in the luxury of tears, so rarely indulged in by the modern girl. After a little time she managed to tell her aunt what had really happened, a recital which caused Miss Deborah to shake her head doubtfully.

"That doesn't sound like Peter Marchant to me," she said. "The boy was always a gentleman, Marcia; and no explanation of what has happened fits with decent behaviour on his part. I know you do not wish to discuss your trouble;

Contract Bridge

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would apply this reasoning: South, having opened with one heart, did not mention spades over North's two-notrump response — he bid the minor diamond suit. North then supported diamonds, and presumably the trump suit was agreed on. It was only after this rebid by South and the support by North that the other major suit, spades, was bid. Experts do not "suppress information" about a second major suit — they mention it as soon as possible! Hence there was an overwhelming probability that South was cue-bidding to show spade control, not announcing a spade suit!

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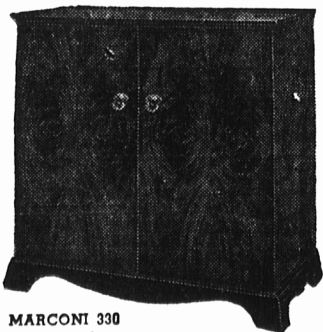
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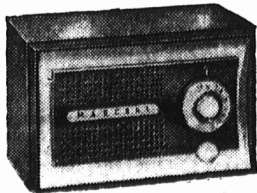
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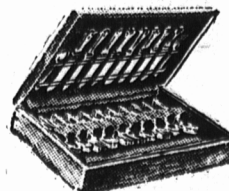


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