

GIPSY-JESS

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The sewing circle sat in Tillie White's neat living-room busy with scissors and needle. Various articles of cast-off clothing were being ripped and repaired for the poor and needy, while tongues flew fast as fingers.

"It's always been my opinion," said Mrs. Rawlins "that birds of a feather flock together" and that's all I've got against this newcomer. If she wanted to get in the town's good graces, and be taken up by respectable people, why did she pick up with a harem-scarem nobody like that Walrus girl? See 'em together most every place I go, and they are at the movies besides—chair by chair."

"I know it," answered Mrs. Cummins, "and evenings boys that the school principal can't do a thing with are over there in her house singing songs, and anyway, what's a young strange woman mean by rentin' a house alone?"

"If you mean Miss Jessie Bonnie, who has moved into the Wolcott house," the minister's mother said gently, "I believe she is here to rest from her musical studies before going abroad to enter upon a concert career. And I understand that she does not live with her folks because she has none. The girl is alone in the world."

Members of the sewing circle exchanged meaning glances. It had been noted that the earnest young leader of their parish paid open attention to the new and unwelcome stranger.

"He's probably trying to convert her," Mrs. Rawlins had suggested, "but I reckon she's poor material."

"They say," submitted Tilly White, that the Walrus girl and them boys are calling her Gipsy; that is when they ain't calling her Jess. But I'll admit she's not far from lookin' a gypsy with her dark eyes and tangled curly hair. And them red beads and danglin' things that she wears, did you notice 'em?"

"I thought," the young pastor's mother said patiently, "that Miss Bonnie was a bright, pretty creature, and it's natural for the young to like pretty things. I thought that it might be a good thing for us to befriend the girl, and—"

"She's chosen her friends," Mrs. Cummins sharply remarked. "Did that Walrus girl ever want to come in among us? And could we ever bribe those rollicking young men into our entertainments? No, they'd rather be on the streets. It's plain the Gipsy person ain't our kind."

The pastor's mother sewed on vaguely troubled. Were they right after all? Well, she knew her fine, honest son, his interest in this gay little stranger was deeper than others could realize. She alone could read that interest in the tone of his dear voice, the shine of his eyes.

The success of Paul's life and calling meant much to her. She and the father gone had sacrificed for it through many years. An outer door opened into Tilly White's sitting room and a girl's piquant face showed smilingly.

"I did not knock," said the girl, "for I knew you were busily assembled. I could see you through the window. I came—" she paused abashed before the frowning silence.

"Gipsy Jess," ejaculated Tilly White, unconsciously.

Then the girl laughed. "You have learned my nickname. I see," she said. "Young town people are great with nicknames. Well, then, I am introduced. But what I called about was this—"

She threw back her black cloak disclosing its crimson silk lining, the girl's jaunty little turtleneck was crimson, too.

"This," she continued, and placed on the table.

"It's my old winter coat," she explained, "but almost new. I really did not need another, and bought this, I think, because of its pretty lining. Don't you," asked Gipsy generally, "love pretty things? They are so—cheery. Please give my old cloak to someone who needs it."

It was just a week later that the small town was shaken to its depths by a startling announcement. Their beloved and admired young pastor was married. He had gone to the city to have that ceremony performed, and his mother had accompanied him. His bride was Gipsy Jess.

It was unbelievable, it was alarming. And the pastor's mother, when she returned welcomed to sympathy. "When you know my son's wife," she said happily, "you will love her, as all do. You have to get in touch with people if you want to help them." Jessie told me one day, and I guess that's her secret. She has given up a promising musical career for love of my boy."

But when the pastor's wife took her humble place before the old piano near the pulpit, there was no smile of greeting on the disapproving faces of the congregation. For the Walrus girl stood in the choir, and back in the seat near the wall stood a row of shuffling boys. But when Gipsy's fingers struck the first chord, the voice of the Walrus girl rang out sweetly and clear, while heartily the young men joined in the chorus. But it was at the last verse, the very last verse, that Gipsy smilingly sought her husband's eyes, for there before her joyously, his people were all singing together.

TWO VICTORIES IN CLOSE GAMES FOR LEGION FIVE

Naperville and Crescent A. C. From Aurora Latest Victims of Basketball.

Two more victories can be chalked up for the local Legion basketball five giving them a one hundred per cent record of wins for the season. The victims this time were the Naperville Legion team who lost by 23 to 21 last Thursday night and the Crescent A. C. of Aurora, who were beaten in five extra minutes of play Saturday night, 31 to 29.

Both games were the fastest and closest of any seen on the local floor this season.

Saturday night a double header will be played in the high school gym here. The high school team will meet Elmhurst high in the curtain raiser and the Legion fives of Downers and Glen Ellyn will meet in the final game.

Next Thursday evening the team will journey to Gary, Ind., for a game with the ex-service men's five of that city and a return game will be played here in the near future.

In the game with Naperville last Thursday both teams were on their toes from the first whistle, determined to win. At the half Naperville was leading 14 to 12 and it seemed as if the locals had left their basket eyes at home. So close was the guarding on both sides and so fiercely did the players strive to win that at all times the large crowd was on its feet. With less than a minute to play and the score 21 all, the locals dropped in a basket winning the game, 23 to 21. Taken all in all, it was one of the best games ever played here, the old rivalry between the two towns coming to front in the partisan spirit shown by the rooters.

The game with the Crescent Athletic Club's five of Aurora, played Saturday night, was no less exciting and the finish was vastly more so.

At the half the visitors were ahead by one point, the score being 12 to 11. Tommy Rogers being out of the game, Curtiss played his position and did not get started throwing baskets until the second half.

The score with a minute left to play was 27 to 25 with the locals on the big end. Just before the blowing of the final whistle Sigrand, a former Aurora high school star, shot a basket from the center of the floor, making it 27 all. This necessitated five minutes extra play and in the five minutes excitement waxed high. First the locals dropped in a basket and then Aurora, again evening up the score. With less than a minute to go Kidwell threw one way up in the air and it came down a clean basket making victory sure for Downers Grove.

In the game with Aurora Leo Rogers and "Chuck" DeWitt, two former high school stars made their first appearance with the Legion team this

Table with columns: Naperville, Stenger rf, Enck lf, German c, Wert rg, Grimes lg, Lynch rg, Woerhli c. Rows: B, F, P, T. Totals: 10, 1, 5, 0.

Table with columns: Downers Grove, T. Rogers rf, Vaughan lf, Kidwell c, Curtiss rg, Gramhaus lg, L. Rogers lg. Rows: B, F, P, T. Totals: 11, 1, 2, 0.

Table with columns: Crescent A. C., Sigrand rf, Greene lf, Frett c, McDonald rg, Johnson lg, Schackley lf. Rows: B, F, P, T. Totals: 14, 1, 6, 5.

Table with columns: Downers Grove, Curtiss rf, Leo Rogers lf, Kidwell c, Vaughan rg, DeWitt lg. Rows: B, F, P, T. Totals: 13, 5, 2, 2.

Score: Downers Grove—23; Naperville—21. Free throws missed: Curtiss, Rogers—3, Enck. Referee—Baird, Chicago.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to relatives and friends for their kind words and sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings at the death of our daughter and sister. We also thank the Ladies of the Macabees for the lovely floral piece. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Beidelman and Family. Naperville Clarion please copy.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our dear Daddie, who passed away two long years ago. Lonesome are the days dear Daddie, I have spent alone, Longing, but in vain for My own little home. Some may forget you, But we never will. God protect you for we love you still. Lou Bertolin and Sons, Richard and Chester.

Many Species of Bats. There are about 130 species of bats, and these are distributed over nearly every quarter of the globe. The larger bats are found in the warmer regions.

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Ladder Against Adams House Three Minutes After Alarm Was Telephoned In.

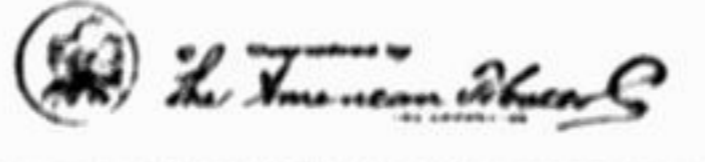
Two fire alarms in the last week called the firemen to what proved to be merely chimneys burning out and in neither case was any damage done to the buildings.

The first call was last Saturday evening and came from the Selig Sisters Millinery Shop on Main st. On Monday evening an alarm was turned in from the Edward L. Adams home on Benton avenue. Three minutes after the operator was reached a ladder was leaning against the house, the remarkably quick run being made by the new truck.

Lost-Continent Theory. Dr. William Alanson Bryan, professor of zoology and geology in the college of Hawaii, claims to have discovered traces of a 6,000-mile prehistoric bridge of land between South America and Hawaii.



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