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SHAM DEBUTANTE

BY Sharon Wynne

When Gay Needham, whose home is a Western ranch, inherits a large sum of money, her mother decides that it should be used to get Gay into society. Mrs. Needham moves the entire family to New York, where she connects with Bernal Van Gordon, an agent who arranges for Gay to have a joint debut with Irene Stromley—Gay to supply the money, and the Stromleys the social prestige. Meanwhile, Gay meets Rodney Sinclair, a wealthy young socialite. Irene has designs on Rodney, but he falls in love with Gay, and it is only because of him that Gay is willing to go through with the preparations for her debut.

CHAPTER III

The Needhams were at dinner in their palatial new home.

"What's the matter with you, John?" Mrs. Needham asked sharply. "Not eating your steak?"

"Aw, I don't know, Ma," Mr. Needham answered pathetically. "It's so big, I reckon we'll never be able to find each other. And that fellow that you call my valet. I don't know what to do with him. Why, he ain't even a good poker player, and when I asked him to go to a movie with me, he nearly choked."

"John Needham!" Pa quailed before the withering glance of his wife. "You're going right back to the ranch. You haven't any sense, and you'll never learn!"

"Goody!" Celia leaped up, ran to her father, and threw her arms about him. "You and me!" she carolled. "I hate it here. I'll go with you. I'm pining to see Dick, and. . ."

"Sit down, Celia." Mrs. Needham's voice was commanding. "You are going to boarding school this year. And there's to be no argument."

Celia turned rebellious eyes toward Gay.

"What do you think, Gay?"

Gay hesitated. Loving Rodney, she knew how Celia felt about Dick Myers. But if she were to marry Rodney, the whole Needham family must be made over to fit the Sinclair pattern.

Too Young For Responsibilities

"Mother is right," she finally said. "The school will do you good, and you're too young to take on the responsibilities of a rancher's wife."

"All right," Celia answered sullenly. "But if Dick marries someone else, I'll—I'll— I don't know what I'll do!"

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The next day, Pa Needham was packed off to the ranch and, a few days later, Celia left for Virginia, where the boarding school was located.

Mrs. Needham sighed with relief as she turned to Gay after they had waved goodby to the morose Celia.

"Well, that's over! I hope they teach her something. If she were only more like you, Gay. The way you're co-operating. . . Van Gordon says you are an apt pupil and, with the exception of Jock, the most interested one he has ever sponsored."

"Jock!" It was Gay's turn to be surprised. She had been so busy with her own affairs that she had not paid much attention to her brother and what he was doing.

"Yes; Van Gordon has put him under Irene's wing, and I heard Irene tell him the other day that he seemed born to the purple. I think, just between us, she likes him pretty well."

"I hope—not," Gay said slowly. "There's something about Irene —I don't know. . . ."

"Piffle," snorted Mrs. Needham. "Irene is all right."

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The days lengthened into weeks and months, bringing nearer and nearer the time for the debut. Then, one day, Van Gordon came rushing to the Needham home.

"That boy Jock," he raged, "is getting himself into a mess. There's a certain Broadway actress, Esme Vaille—twice his age—she's playing him for a fool! Until you folks are entrenched, as it were, we can't afford notoriety. And if Jock tells this woman too much, she's apt to resort to blackmail. Do you understand?"

Wanted: A Little Fun

"Ye-es," Mrs. Needham said in a feeble voice.

"Now, see here, Mrs. Needham." Van Gordon's voice was harsh. "Jock is genial and easy-going—but weak. You might just as well admit it, and start a program to keep him out of mischief. I've talked to Irene Stromley, and she has promised to help."

That evening, Mrs. Needham took Jock to task at the dinner table. Irene Stromley was a very amused listener.

"Huh," Jock blustered, "I gotta right to a little fun. If you're so darned afraid that debut won't come off, why don't you rush it?"

"I'm inclined to think Jock is right," Irene put in. "Why not set the date for the debut early next month? Meanwhile, bad boy, you're going to pay more attention to little Irene and less to that actress person."

"That so?" Jock grinned. "Well, suppose we go for a drive and talk it over?"

He and Irene sauntered out together.

Mrs. Needham smiled triumphantly. "That's the way out of our difficulty with Jock. . . Gay, why are you so quiet this evening?"

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And though it is a new day, Brazilian fathers, brothers, husbands and sweethearts still wag their heads and wonder where this world is going to. One has the feeling that the tendencies and trends of the modern Brazilian girl have the blessing of her elder kinfolk. Perhaps they wish that they had been able to live their younger lives in this modern age.

Eyes Of Dead Men Help The Living

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« Impromptu Holiday Menus »

The Christmas season is usually one grand round of meeting and talking to old friends, entertaining them and being entertained. The young crowd, too, whose long holidays give them a lot of time on their hands, find this an ideal time to entertain their friends and everybody has a marvelous time all round.

But there is one drawback to all this fun as every housewife knows and that is the work involved in preparing and serving the food for all the different occasions when people gather at her house.

We have prepared two menus here which will take care of almost all occasions and the recipes are designed to leave the hostess free to enjoy the party as much as the guests. It will take some planning and preparing in advance, but that is certainly worthwhile when you are rewarded by peace of mind and an assurance that everything will taste marvellous and you don't get flustered preparing things at the last minute.

First occasion for food is when old friends drop in to help you trim the Christmas tree. Whether they come in time for supper or do the work and eat later, this supper will be a pleasure to serve and eat.

Cream of Tomato Soup
Scalloped Oysters
Jellied Spanish Relish
Stuffed Celery
Bread and Butter Sandwiches
Ice Cream and Cookies
Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate

Scalloped Oysters

4 cups fine soft bread crumbs
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
Dash of paprika
½ cup melted butter
1 pint oysters, drained
1-3 cup oyster liquor
½ cup top milk.

Combine bread crumbs, salt, pepper and paprika. Add butter, tossing lightly to mix well. Sprinkle 1-3 of crumbs in bottom of greased baking dish. Arrange ½ of oysters on crumbs. Sprinkle second third of crumbs over oysters. Add remaining oysters. Combine oyster liquor and milk and pour over oysters. Top with remaining crumbs and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees F.) 30 minutes. Serves 8.

The beauty of this whole menu is that you can prepare it early. Put the oysters, butter, crumbs and seasonings into the baking dish and leave in refrigerator until just before baking. Then heat the milk before you add it and the oysters will bake more quickly than usual.

The celery can, of course, be stuffed ahead of time with cream cheese relishes, the sandwiches prepared and covered with a damp cloth and set in refrigerator and the relish can be made hours before serving time.

Jellied Spanish Relish

1 package quick-setting jelly powder
1 pint warm water
1½ tablespoons vinegar
Dash of Cayenne
½ teaspoon salt
2 pimientos, finely chopped
½ cup white cabbage, finely chopped
1 cup celery, finely chopped
½ cup sweet pickles, finely chopped.

Dissolve jelly in boiling water. Add vinegar, Cayenne, and salt. Chill. When slightly thickened, fold in pimientos, cabbage, celery and the pickles. Turn into individual molds, filling them half full. Chill until firm. Unmold. Makes 12 half-molds.

For your Watch Night supper, plan a buffet meal, something like this:

Tomato Juice Cocktail
Chicken Pot Pie, Carrot and Cabbage Salad
Baking Powder Biscuits
Angel Food Cake
Coffee Tea Cider

Chicken Pot Pie

2½ tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
Dash of Paprika
2 cups cooked chicken, cut in pieces
1¼ cups milk or chicken stock
2 tablespoons melted butter
8 unbaked baking powder biscuits, rolled ¼ inch thick.

Combine ingredients. Turn into greased casserole; bake in hot oven (425 Deg. F.) 25 minutes, stirring twice during first 10 minutes. Place biscuits on top of chicken mixture after it has baked 10 minutes; return to oven and bake 12 to 15 minutes longer, or until biscuits are browned. Serves 4.

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