Serial Story

A Page of Interest to Women

Fashions — Recipes

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. Moving to New York, Mrs. Needham 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, wealthy young socialite, who falls in love with her. This enrages Irene, for she herself had designs on Rodney. For reasons of her own, she plays up to Gay's young brother, Jock.

Mrs. Needham spread them before him.

"Hum-m-m," he yawned as he looked them over. Then he frowned. "Huh! That doesn't seem fair—for you to steal the whole show, Gay, while Irene is left out in the cold."

"Out in the cold?"

"Yes. Do you realize that every paper leads the story off with you, and there are two of your pictures to every one of Irene."

"Why, that's right!" Gay gasped in amazement.

"It proves that Gay is just where she belongs," Mrs. Needham said complacently. "While that hateful Irene . . ."

"Hateful Irene!" Jock flared. "If you don't mind, I'd prefer for you not to speak that way about my fiancee!"

"Your fiancee!" Both women were astounded.

"Well, don't act as though it were a death notice! Where would we be if it weren't for Irene?"

"It's — so surprising," Mrs. Needham finally managed to stammer. "Why, just last month you were crazy about that actress, Esme—what's her name?"

Gay said nothing.

"The engagement isn't to be made public for a while, Jock whent on. "Irene says every girl has a right to some fun after a debut. Engagements put a damper on it. So, it's to be a secret for a year."

Reasons For Hate

There was a discreet cough in the doorway, and Irene herself came in.

"Excuse me for walking in unannounced." She smiled brilliantly. "Just dropped in to see how you liked the party."

"Fine!" Mrs. Needham answered enthusiastically.

There was an uneasy silence, and then Jock said:

"I was just telling them, Irene — about us."

Irene's laugh tinkled. "Bad boy promised not to tell," she reproved banteringly.

Jock, embarrassed, excused himself to go get some breakfast, and Mrs. Needham followed him from the room. As soon as they were gone, Irene faced Gay. The mask of friendliness was gone from her face.

"You don't seem overjoyed," she sneered, "that I'm engaged to your darling brother. But at least it will leave a clear field for you with Rodney."

"Why, Irene," Gay protested, "I'm sorry if . . ."

"Never mind! You've made a deliberate play for Rod, and he fell for it. But just remember this, Gay Needham—a nobody like you will never marry into the Sinclair clan!"

With that, Irene flounced out of the room. Gay shivered. She was positive now that Irene hated her—literally hated her!

CHAPTER V

The crowded days that followed the debut didn't give Gay much time to think about Irene. She hadn't dreamed that life could be so hectic. Just one continuous round of parties. Bernal Van Gordon had done his work well, and no one questioned the prestige of the Stromleys. As a result, Gay was well launched on her social career.

A few weeks after the debut, Irene gave a dance. As usual, Rodney was Gay's escort.

As they entered the ballroom, Gay caught sight of Bernal Van Gordon. His eyes were fixed on her in a curious way, and a few minutes later he found an opportunity to speak to her alone.

"I've something I have to tell you, Miss Needham," he began. "I dislike to do it, but it is necessary. You're being criticized."

"Criticized!"

"Yes. It's one of those whispering campaigns. No one knows how they start, and they are hard to stop. You're too vivacious, too pert. You laugh too loud, and are too popular with the men. After all, you know, it is the women who rule society, and it is up to you to win their approval."

"But I—that is—I don't understand. If you'll explain more clearly, I . . ."

"Sh-h-h. Here comes a chap I want you to meet."

Counteracting Criticism

A tall, blond young man, around thirty, was approaching. He had an air of arrogant poise.

"I finally cornered you," Van Gordon greeted him smoothly. Then, turning to Gay, "Mr. Ploame is most anxious to meet you. Miss Needham, may I present Mr. Marvin Ploame, of Paris and New York."

"Such a pleasure." Ploame kissed her hand, then said purringly, "May I get you some punch, and then have the honor of a dance?"

Gay felt an instant and instinctive dislake for the man, but replied, "Certainly".

As soon as Ploame had gone for the punch, Van Gordon said, "I want you to be nice to Marvin Ploame, because . . ."

"Is it necessary that I be nice to whomever you may pick out?" Gay retorted. "After all, Mr. Van Gordon, you are being paid for your part in this society launching, and I don't see that you have any right to dictate."

"Very sorry, Miss Needham, but I am thinking of your own interests." Van Gordon spoke soothingly. "Ploame is exceedingly influential with the nomadic international crowd. You'll have to do all you can to counteract the criticism of which I just spoke. Besides . . ."

"Besides, what?" prodded Gay, as he hesitated.

"It isn't my wish to tell the truth about you Needhams, but Ploame is a good friend of mine and unless you are nice to him . . ."

Ploame's return just then ended the conversation, and Van Gordon moved away. Gay felt Ploame's slate-gray eyes looking her over as she drank the punch. His blonde hair looked as though it had been marcelled. "Thinks he's a sheik," Gay thought angrily. "I won't spend a lot of time with him, no matter what Bernal Van Gordon says!"

But Ploame was not easy to get rid of. And somehow, Irene seemed to have cornered Rodney. What a dismal failure the evening was turning out to be!

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NEW YORK
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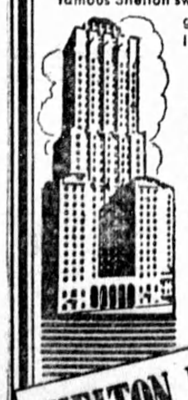

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Woman Stages Amazing Hoax

23-Year-Old Wife Attends English School as 11-Year-Old Pupil

One of the most amazing hoaxes ever played in England was revealed when a 23-year-old woman, married and a mother, was discovered to be attending a school in Woodwich as an 11-year-old pupil.

The discovery was made when the headmistress of the school decided to move her to a higher class. The work would have been harder, so she did not go to school. That brought the school attendance officers to her home.

Her husband, Edward Cohen, 28-year-old radio salesman, explaining the impersonation, said his wife went to school in a short gymnasium suit, tunic and skirt with her dolls and she played with her 10-year-old schoolmates. One of the dolls was her husband's wedding present to her.

Husband's "Sister"

"At school she was known as my 11-year-old sister. When she did not attend, the school board inspector came and asked me why my sister had stopped going. I did not know what to tell him, and now I have received a notice from the London county council that legal action may be taken if she does not go back."

Mrs. Cohen explained that she had always loved being with young children.

Plays All the Games

"I will never change," she said. "I have always worn the same clothes as when I came to London. When I go to school, I take part in all the school games and lessons and no one has ever queried my age. When I go home, I do the housework, and cooking, although I don't like it, and live like any normal wife."

Mrs. Cohen, however, has one of the habits of grown-ups — she does smoke.

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By ANNE ADAMS

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Pattern 4678 is available in sizes small, medium and large. Small size takes 2 yards 36 inch fabric for each apron and apron A, 1 yard ruffling. Illustrated step-by-step sewing instructions included.

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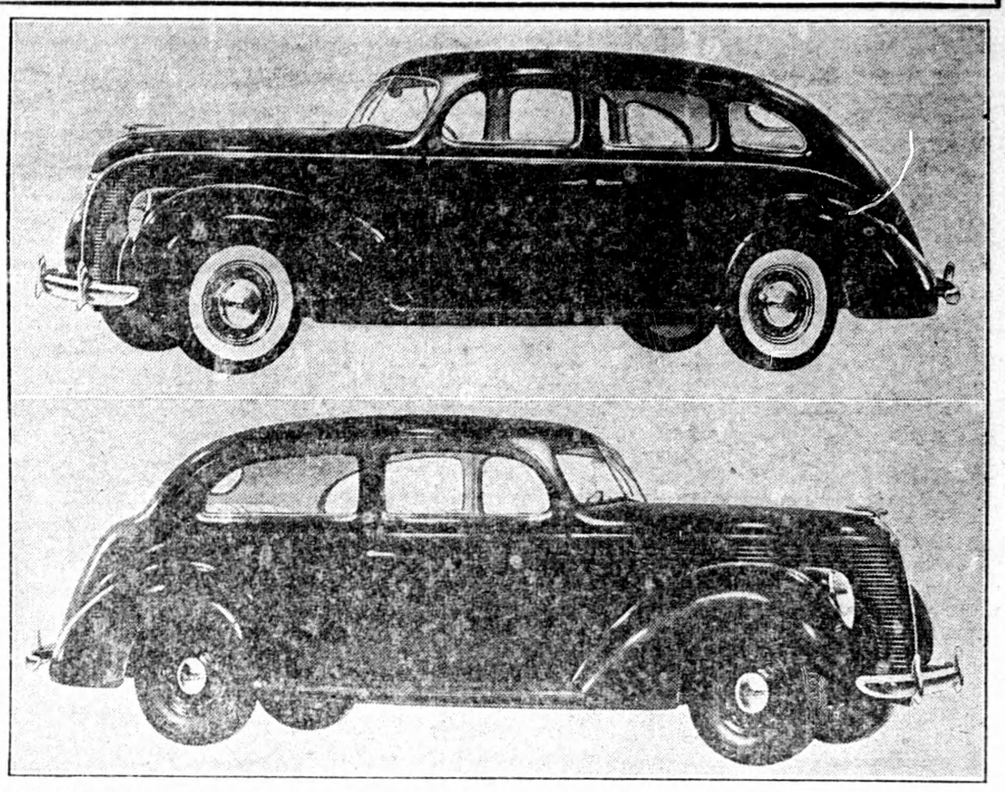
Free Kisses

More ancient customs prevail in the West Country than in any other part of England. One that goes back to Saxon times is still observed at Okehampton, Devon. The "Giglet Market" is held on the Sunday after Christmas, at which a man may speak to or kiss any girl who takes his fancy. Nor is mistletoe needed to establish this right.

At Street, Somerset, a bonfire is made on top of a nearby hill on Boxing day, and people journey from afar to toast sausages on the end of hazel sticks, sing, play games and make merry. On the same day the poor, too, are remembered at the village of Cam, for according to the will of a former citizen, Margaret Trotman, any parishioner is entitled to the gift of a loaf of bread, and the first fifty widows who apply are given money.

Two New Ford V-8 Cars for 1938



FORD MOTOR Company of Canada, Limited, announces the new Ford V-8 cars for 1938. For the first time Ford presents two distinct lines, the De Luxe Ford V-8 —a big luxury car—and the newly styled Standard Ford V-8.

The De Luxe Ford V-8 car is entirely new in appearance, longer, roomier and more streamlined. The front design is modern and distinctive. Fenders are deeper and more massive. The rich interior appointments of the car match its outward beauty. Longer bodies provide more room and comfort and there is larger luggage space in all models. The De Luxe car is powered with the proved 85 horsepower V-8 engine. Shown above (top photograph) is the De Luxe Fordor Sedan.

The Standard Ford V-8 for 1938 brings new styling with a longer hood and flowing curves. Interiors are spacious and neatly appointed. New instrument panels have knobs recessed for safety. The radiator grille louvres continue back into the hood to present smooth flowing body lines from bumper to bumper. It is built on the same 112-inch wheelbase as the new De Luxe and has the famous Ford V-8 engine. The new Standard Tudor Sedan is shown above (lower photograph).

« Dainties for the Invalid »

How often have you been faced with the necessity of preparing food for some ailing member of the family and at the same time, trying to give those who are whole and hearty, the food they need? That often is the case when so many youngsters have their tonsils out at this time of the year or one of them has the 'flu. The sick member needs something special to tempt the appetite and the busy housewife often finds herself in quite a dither trying to prepare two separate and different menus.

In a case like this there is a compromise which isn't difficult. It's perfectly possible to plan a light, easy-to-digest meal, with the invalid first in mind, and then serve the same dishes to the able-bodies. Barley soup with vegetables is just the thing for the patient but the whole family will go for it if you make enough to go around.

The same thing applies to desserts and here are some special ones which you mustn't think of making for the invalid alone because the rest of the family will probably feel very hurt and envious.

Minted Orange Cream

1-3 cup quick-cooking tapioca
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 or 2 egg yolks
4 cups milk
1 or 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
½ teaspoon orange extract
½ cup cream, whipped.

Combine quick-cooking tapioca, sugar, salt, egg yolk, and milk in top of double boiler and stir enough to break egg yolk. Place over rapidly boiling water, bring to scalding point (allow 5 to 7 minutes), and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from boiling water. Fold a small amount into egg white; add to remaining tapioca mixture and blend. Cool—mixture thickens as it cools. When slightly cool, add flavoring; chill. Fold in whipped cream and serve in sherbet glasses garnished with sections of orange free from membrane and cubes of mint jelly.

Another grand variation of this dessert is to serve it with Butterscotch Sauce, substituting vanilla for orange extract.

Butterscotch Sauce

3 egg yolks
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1-8 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon water

Combine ingredients in top of double boiler and cook over hot water until sugar is dissolved, stirring constantly. Chill. Beat well before serving. Makes three-quarters cup sauce.

Everybody is fond of those lovely chocolate peppermint patties — the big round ones with peppermint fondant inside and rich chocolate coating. Those candies were the inspiration for this dessert which combines the same flavors, tangy, pink-tinted peppermint and bittersweet chocolate. Real peppermint candy, the long red and white sticks which are used to decorate Christmas trees, are used to give this dessert its flavour and delicate color.

Peppermint Tapioca Cream

1-3 cup quick-cooking tapioca
¼ teaspoon salt
4 cups milk, scalded
2-3 cup peppermint candy, crushed
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
1 egg white, stiffly beaten.

Add quick-cooking tapioca and salt to milk, and cook in double boiler 15 minutes, or until tapioca is clear, stirring frequently. Add peppermint candy. Pour small amount of tapioca mixture over egg yolk, stirring vigorously. Return to double boiler and cook until thickened. Remove from fire and fold in egg white. Chill. Serve in sherbet glasses with chocolate sauce. Serves 8.

Chocolate Sauce

1 square unsweetened chocolate, cut in pieces
3 tablespoons water
4 tablespoons sugar
Dash of salt
1½ tablespoons melted butter
Few drops vanilla

Combine chocolate, water, sugar, and salt in double boiler. Heat and blend. Add butter and vanilla. Beat well. Makes 2-3 cups sauce.

Spinach Soup

1½ cups cooked spinach
2 cups milk, scalded
2 cups boiling water
3 Oxo cubes
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
1½ teaspoons scraped onion.

Chop spinach and force through sieve. Add to milk, water, and Oxo cubes in double boiler. Melt butter, add flour and seasonings, and stir well. Add a small amount of hot liquid and stir until smooth. Return to double boiler and cook until slightly thickened, stirring constantly.

Spinsters Launch Implacable Drive

If Sir Kinglsey Wood, British Minister for Health, answers all his Christmas well-wishers, he will be busier than Santa Claus.

Mailmen inundated his office with cards uniformly inscribed: "Wishing you the compliments of the season. Hoping you will be thinking of the spinsters as the spinsters are thinking of you."

The greetings were a novel method of campaigning employed by the thousands of organized British spinsters who are pressing for state pensions at the age of 55.

Child Training Has Become An Art

Parents More Liable to Spoil Offspring Where Families Small

"It is extraordinarily difficult in these days of restricted families not to let children know that they are too important," said the Dean of Carlisle, England, addressing the parents' association of the Carlisle Grammar School.

"And," he added, "you have to be a very gifted person not to spoil an only child."

Speaking of cases of arrested development, the Dean said some undergraduates of 18 were really only 15 and they nearly always came to grief in their first year. But a boy suffering from arrested development, if wisely treated, generally made a steady man whom one could trust.

Growing Pains of Mind

"The adolescent boy of 14 to 18 years suffers from growing pains of mind. He cuts you out of his life and won't give you his confidence. He has got to be wisely and tenderly treated.

"How difficult it is to make the punishment of a boy fit the crime. When I was a boy we were birched, caned and had long compositions. Different punishments are given today, but the administration of that punishment should be one that is agreed on by the headmaster and parent, so that there is a unity of justice and so that we avoid different elements reacting on one another."

Delicious tea or coffee can be made only by using fresh, clear water, since there is almost always some sediment left in the kettle from boiling water. Be sure to wash the inside of your tea kettle often.

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