THE GROOM WAS SHY~

by ALMA SIOUX SCARBERRY

CHAPTER II

"You bet I can't!" Gram's face relaxed. "And I wouldn't trust you farther than Monterey corners if there's a nice looking woman on the train. Don't tell me you don't loosen up on these business trips of yours."

"Now, Mother, you don't think ——"

"Never mind what I think. Get going." Gram gave him a quick kiss on the cheek and handed him his brief case.

Judy walked out to the car with him.

"Don't you worry, Daddy." The face his child lifted to him was so like her mother's his breath caught. "I'll take good care of Gram and the store too."

"Okay, kitten." The father kissed her tenderly. "You're the man of the house."

As he drove away Ralph Miller fell to wondering just what sort of chap he would have been if Judy's mother hadn't married him when they were both eighteen, and filled his life and heart so completely until Judy was ten. After her death there was the child with the same sleek black hair, the same brown eyes and small dainty features.

Maternally, Judy had taken on the task her mother had laid down and put childhood behind her to look after her father as Julia, the mother, had done. So cheerfully, did she do this that it had never occurred to Ralph Miller she was missing anything. So he put his mother's frequent complaints behind him with a smile. Judy was just different. Her mother's girl. She didn't take to silly clothes and beaus and modern things.

At noon Judy came home from the drug store and took some hot vegetable soup to Marlie for his lunch. She found him in the kitchen eating an onion sandwich two inches thick.

"Hold out your hands." Judy set the soup down. "I must inspect and see if you cut any fingers off with the bread knife."

Marlie grinned and obeyed.

"Not even a nick."

"Remarkable," Judy's brown eyes sparkled. They both laughed self-consciously.

"I'm surprised your mother thinks it proper for me to come over to look after you," Judy said as she opened the ice-box.

"Oh, Mom trusts you." Marlie fell into eating his soup. "But you're the only girl she does trust. She thinks all the rest are lost souls."

"Well, I hope she doesn't find me out."

"That would be too bad," Marlie grinned. "Say, maybe you're leading a double life, at that."

Judy went to the cookie jar and helped herself to a handful of ginger snaps.

"Gram thinks I should be," she laughed. "She says it's better to play with fire and get your fingers burned a little than to grow old before your time. Gram's funny sometimes."

"Yeah." Marlie got up and raided the cookie jar. "I guess she'd change her tune if you'd start changing and getting like other girls."

"Am I not like other girls, Marlie?" Judy sat down thoughtfully.

"You're nicer." Marlborough smiled down at her from his great height fraternally. "I mean — you're good, Judy. A fellow would just look at you and want you for a sister."

"Why, thanks, Marlie." Judy warmed to the sincerity in his voice. "That's the way you seem to me, too. Good, and just like I'd want my own brother to be if I had one."

"Hi, Sis!" Marlie saluted.

"Hi, Buzz!" Judy finished her cookies and jumped up. "I've got to get back to the store. Now do everything your mother told you to do, and don't forget to turn off the cat and put out the radio."

"Ah, Judy." Marlie looked distressed. "You don't think I'm not capable of looking out for myself, do you? Please don't bother to come in and make beds and things. I can do it."

"Of course you can," Judy assured him. "But if you need me just holler."

"Sure." Marlie walked out on the porch with her. "And if you need a man around the house to do anything while your Dad's away, call on me."

"Sold. Come on down and get a soda after supper." Judy invited. "I want to be sure you get enough nourishment."

"Okay," Marlie promised. "It's a date."

Marlie spent the afternoon at the lake, which was just beginning to awaken with the usual Summer activity. Nothing of importance happened. A part of the time he spent teaching some of the younger children to swim, but mostly he just lay in the sand letting his thoughts wander, or fade away altogether.

It seemed to him the skies had never been bluer nor the sun more mellow as it shone down on the little lake colony in the shadow of the Catskills. It made a fellow feel like reading poetry, somehow. The next day he'd bring down his favorite book of poems. Aloud he recited as much as he remembered of one of them:

"And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then if ever, come perfect days:
"Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays."

A few of the young people of Marlie's age were swimming a little farther up the lake. He could hear their shouts of laughter. But it never occurred to him to join them, nor they to invite him. Big Mike Tulling passed and hailed him.

"Hi, Angel!"

Marlie winced, but greeted him agreeably. After all these years he should have been able to get used to being called Angel, but somehow, it always made him feel foolish. If his mother just would not brag so much about his virtues in public.

And had Marlborough Jones been aware of it, he was not only in the thoughts of his mother at that moment, but in the thoughts of the most sought after belle in town, Lisa Loring. And she had been thinking of him all day.

Lisa had seen Mrs. Jones at the station, when she went down to meet her best friend, Kentucky Louellan. When she learned Mrs. Jones was to be away for a week, an idea came to her which had, at first, seemed absurd.

For days Lisa had pondered over the problem of a boy friend for the belle of Louisville. But one by one she had eliminated every male of her immediate circle from the list. She just couldn't spare one of them to fall in love with Tucky. Men always did. It was inevitable.

Then she thought of Marlborough Jones. Marlie, she decided after careful thought, was really quite good-looking. If he'd loosen up and stop hanging to his mother's apron-strings he was really quite an attractive citizen. Six feet tall, brown curly hair, very nice gray eyes. Large handsome features. About as good looking, come to thing of it, as any of the other Leebrook younger set.

But he was such a tightwad! Even if he did agre to date Tucky, could they depend upon him to loosen up with a little cash to take her out? She knew he had the income from a hundred thousand dollars in first mortgages that his father had left him. But from the way the Joneses lived, you'd never know they had a penny. Marlie was an old skinflint, just like his father had been!

The more Lisa pondered over the idea of Tucky's getting stuck with Marlborough Jones on a double date, the more the idea appealed to her. It would serve her right. She was so all-fired sure of herself, and her charm over men! The way she'd tried to take Tommy Lee away from her in Louisville last summer! Lisa wouldn't admit even to herself that Tucky had succeeded.

When Lisa had made up her mind, she lost no time in starting downtown in her car to find Marlie. She found him sitting at the counter of Miller's drug store, bent over a huge banana split.

"Hi, Judy!" Lisa gave out her sweetest smile and slid into a seat beside Marlie. "Believe it or not, Toots, but you're just the man I'm looking for!"

A slow flush suffused Marlborough's tanned countenance.

"Me?" He managed to find his source of repartee. "I guess you must have been looking for a couple of other fellows."

"But certainly not!" Lisa put her elbows on the counter and gave him the full glory of her slow burning green eyes. "Aren't you going to buy me a soda?"

Judy almost dropped a glass she was wiping.

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Every Girl Must Have Two Natures

The Clever Woman Cultivates A Double Personality To Be Liked By People Of Both Sexes.

There's no getting around it, a girl needs two sets of attractions to be liked by both girls and men, writes Ruth Millett.

A man will be attracted by her good looks. A woman will be suspicious of her just because she is good-looking.

A man will like her helplessness, or pretense of it. But women have to drop their dependent ways when they are out "with the girls".

A man doesn't blame a girl for playing up to other women's husbands. He just tries to get her attention himself. But women have no good to say for her.

Men like a girl who is very sure of herself. But if she doesn't hold her "sureness" in leash when she is with other women, she makes them itch to put her in her place.

They Don't Like Wit

Few men appreciate wit in a woman — especially if it is the least bit down to reath.

Men like a girl that other men like, while other girls seldom like a glamour girl.

And yet we wonder why so many girls change the minute a man walks into the room.

Daughters Loaned

A Gold Coast or Nigerian native who has already pledged his property and has no other security to offer, may obtain a loan by entrusting a young daughter or a niece to the lender to act as his servant until the debt has been paid.

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Square Dance Coming Back

In Many Parts Of Ontario — Old-Time Fiddlers' Contests Are Returning To Favor, Too.

In many parts of Ontario and indeed throughout Canada there has been more or less reversion to old-time square dancing and old-time fiddlers' contests in preference to the ultra-modern "jitterbug" and "rug cutter" routines with swing music accompaniment.

W. E. Hinton, of Glenavon, Sask., called at the office of the Canadian Bureau for the Advancement of Music under whose supervision the old-time dancing and fiddlers' contests are held at the Canadian National Exhibition. Mr. Hinton is secretary of the municipality of Glenavon which proposes to hold competitions in May. If it can be arranged to do so the winners will come to the Exhibition contests this year.

Capt. Atkinson of the Canadian Bureau has been advised that square dance and fiddlers' competitions have been held in numerous rural communities which were snowbound in recent weeks. In Caledon a children's square dance competition was held in which school pupils between the ages of nine and thirteen years showed mraked aptitude in the dance routines popularized by their grandfathers and great grandfathers. The "caller" was a boy of twelve years.

Beauty for YOU

The Secrets of Good Looks

by Barbara Lynn.

DON'T NEGLECT THE LITTLE THINGS!

There are some little worries that crop up often among readers' letters. It does not pay to neglect even apparent trivialities, because they can so quickly become big and tiresome.

A frequent problem concerns finger-nails that break or flake off as soon as they grow fairly long. This is usually caused by lack of calcium and insufficient fat in the system. Include more butter and cream in your diet, and start taking calcium and cod-liver oil. In addition, paint your nails with a little colorless iodine, meanwhile avoiding the use of nail varnish for a few weeks.

Tired feet take half the joy from life, so when you suffer give them this little treat. Soak them in very hot water to which you've added either bath salts or a handful of ordinary salt. Dry with a soft towel, then massage with warm olive oil. Follow up by rubbing the soles with methylated spirits, finally dusting with talcum.

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New Royal Stamps Due This Spring

A special issue of stamps to mark the visit of the King and Queen will go on sale throughout Canada May 15. The issue will be limited to a commemorative number and will be double size.

The one-cent stamp will be green, bearing the portraits of the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, while the two-cent stamp will be brown and carry the picture of the national war memorial at Ottawa. The three-cent stamp will be red with portraits of the King and Queen.

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Of Interest to Women Readers

CASSEROLE DISHES

The trick of easy-to-make and tasty-to-eat casserole dishes is one which every cook hopes to acquire. The following recipes will prove useful in learning the art of producing really delicious casserole concoctions. There is a secret to making these dishes successfully and that is the use of quick-cooking tapioca. It binds the ingredients to give them body but does not flavour the dish.

CASSEROLE OF FISH ITALIAN STYLE

¼ pound (1 cup) mushrooms, sliced
1/3 cup diced celery
1 medium onion, finely chopped
4 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
1¼ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons sugar
2 cups flaked cooked haddock or cod
3 cups canned tomatoes

Saute mushrooms, celery, and onion in butter until tender. Combine with quick-cooking tapioca and remaining ingredients in order given. Turn into greased casserole and bake in hot oven (425° F.) 25 minutes, stirring twice during first 10 minutes of baking. Place unbaked biscuits on top of fish mixture after it has baked 10 minutes, return to oven, and bake 12 to 15 minutes longer, or until biscuits are browned. Serves 8.

CASSEROLE OF HAM AND CABBAGE

4 cups coarsely shredded cabbage
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
⅛ teaspoon paprika
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons butter
½ pound boiled ham, chopped
½ cup fine bread crumbs, buttered

Cook cabbage in boiling, salted water, 2 minutes; drain. Combine quick-cooking tapioca, salt, pepper, paprika, and milk in top of double boiler. Place over rapidly boiling water and cook 8 to 10 minutes after water boils again, stirring frequently. Add butter. Place layer of tapioca in greased baking dish, then layer of cabbage and ham; repeat, finishing with tapioca. Sprinkle with crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes. Serves 4 to 6.

LAMB EN CASSEROLE

1 pound breast of lamb, cut in small pieces
½ cup onion, sliced
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup boiling water
1 cup carrots, diced
1 cup potatoes, diced
2 cups canned tomatoes
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca

Brown lamb and onion in butter; add water. Bake, covered, in moderate oven (350°F.) 1 hour. Add other ingredients; bake ½ hour; stir often. Serves 6.

Easiest Meals Most Healthful

Everybody Needs Milk Daily, And Also Cereal and Vegetable

Strangely enough, it is most often the mothers who exclaim, "Oh, I can't be bothered with food values," who do not know that the meal which would be the least trouble and the cheapest is also the most nutritious. She has no intention of neglecting her children exactly — she just doesn't know how important it is.

Dr. Mary S. Rose, professor of nutrition, Columbia, gives the following list as a daily working basis in planning the family dietary in which children up to nine years of age are included with parents:

Milk for all—one quart apiece for each child daily, and a minimum of a pint apiece for each adult (this may be cooked in the food in whole or in part).

Orange juice every day for each child; at least some kind of fruit for all.

Cereal for all.

A green vegetable for the children.

Another vegetable beside potatoes for the adults.

Eggs for the young children up to six years of age.

Some protein bearing food (fish, meat or meat substitute) for the adults.

In addition—potatoes, butter and bread for all.

Toys shipped from Germany to the United States last year were valued at $443,248, a decrease of 20 per cent. from 1937.

HOW IS YOUR DIGESTION?

IF you are troubled with gas, sour stomach, or heartburn, your digestion probably needs assistance. A tonic that tends to improve the digestion is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It stimulates the appetite too, and as a result you feel more vigorous. Lorne Touzel, 292 Berkley St., Toronto, Ont., says: "Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery helped to stimulate my appetite and toned up my stomach in great shape. After eating I would belch gas, also had sour stomach, and the 'Discovery' relieved me of this condition and made me feel better in many ways." Buy Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in liquid or tablets at your drug store.

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