Pledge for War Savings

"SALADA" TEA

Keeping Company..

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SYNOPSIS

The Harry C. Thomas family, father, mother and three daughters, is the typical American family in a town of about 15,000 population. Harriet, aged nine, the youngest, is independent and venturesome with an enormous appetite for ice cream. She overhears her sister Mary rehearsing, in front of the bathroom mirror, her reply to a prospective proposal of marriage, and of course spills the beans to her mother. Listening at the hot air register upstairs, Harriet overhears her parents' conversation on the subject of Mary and her two rival beaux — Ted Foster and Jim Reynolds, both of whom are salesmen at the Hellman Auto Agency. Harriet calls up each beau in turn and makes him a business proposition; in exchange for ice cream to be brought to her that evening, she tells that Mary has spent an hour before her mirror, primping in case a certain young man should happen to call that evening.

CHAPTER TWO

When a Coronet sedan parked in front of the Thomas home that evening, a basket lowered from an upstairs window hit the caller on the head as he climbed the steps.

"Psst!" whispered Harriet. "Put my ice cream in the basket."

It was the dismayed voice of Jim Reynolds that answered. "I'm sorry. I'll send you two gallons tomorrow."

The door opened and Mr. Thomas addressed the caller jovially: "Well, well! Jim Reynolds. This is a surprise. Mary, here's Jim."

"Dad, don't you ever welcome anybody without saying this is a surprise?"

"Not Jim Reynolds I don't. Nor Ted Foster. When it's Jim I'm surprised that it's not Ted — and when it's Ted I'm surprised that it's not Jim. Does that answer your question?"

"I'm sorry I asked," responded Mary. "Come in, Jim."

Another Coronet sedan parked by the sidewalk. Again the basket was lowered and dangled in front of the second caller.

"Ted! Put the ice cream in the basket."

"Sorry, they were all out of pistachio, Harriet."

"Then put the vanilla or whatever you've got there in the basket."

"Supply Your Own!"

"This is some candy for Mary. I didn't think you wanted any flavor but pistachio. I'm sorry."

"You could have been just as sorry and brought some chocolate."

"Harriet, I'll phone from inside and have them send up some chocolate."

"You'll do no such thing! Sometimes my father is very peculiar about my business transactions."

Mr. Thomas, who had been attraced by voices outside the door, stepped into view.

"To bed, young lady! When I raised your allowance you were to supply your own ice cream."

"If you asked me," said Harriet plaintively, "I think this is a dirty trick to play on a child!" She slammed the window shut.

"Well, well, Ted. This is a surprise. Come on in."

Ted and Jim were not very much surprised at encountering each other in the Thomas living room, but there was no cordiality in the civilities they exchanged. Mr. Thomas was trying to help entertain the two guests when his wife called him upstairs. He entered the bed room hitching up his trousers.

"It looks like Mary has made up her mind," said Mrs. Thomas.

"You're wrong, Chief. No girl has two boys around when her mind's made up — unless she's thinking of bigamy."

Is it necessary to keep hauling at your pants, Harry?"

"It is if I want to keep my underwear up. There's no buttons on them. Mary's not going to get any proposal with both Ted and Jim down there."

"So you're going down to make it three!"

"No, I'm going down to make it one."

Mary and Her Beaux

Mary and her beaux were exchanging trivialities when her father re-entered. He introduced the subject of drawers with missing buttons and at Mary's protest, came to the point.

"All right, Mary. I can talk about other things. Jim, what does a sedan like the two outside sell for?"

"Why, for $922.65 f.o.b. Detroit."

Mr. Thomas allowed sudden interest to appear in his voice. "Run me around the block in one . . Oh, come on, Jim, this is business."

Jim arose nicely to the bait. "Business is nine to six for anybody but your father, Mary. Be right back."

A moment of embarrassed silence followed the departure of Mr. Thomas and Jim.

"Mary," said Ted.

"Yes?"

"Do . . . do you like steak?"

"Do I like what?" Mary all but gasped.

"Steak. S-t-e-a-k. Do you like steak?"

"No. Not particularly. Why?"

"I . . . I was just wondering," said Ted in a squelched voice. After a silence he began again: "Mary."

"Yes?"

"This is a very nice swing."

"It's all right," she answered indifferently.

"No. This is a special swing. A fellow could do a lot worse than spend his whole life on a swing like this."

"But where would you eat?"

"I . . . I meant it would be awfully nice to be on this swing—whenever you are in it."

"I wish . . . You know what I wish Mary?"

"What, Ted?" Her voice was encouraging, but his spirit quailed.

"Well, uh . . . You think it's getting late?"

"No, Ted. What were you going to say?"

Ted Proposes

"I guess a lot of marriages don't succeed nowadays."

"I guess a lot of marriages didn't succeed in the old days either."

"Take me, for instance, Mary. As a husband I can't see myself for dust. Anybody who'd marry me would be making a terrible mistake. If I ever asked a girl and she wouldn't marry me, she'd be right."

"If a girl married you and wasn't happy, she'd have mostly herself to blame."

That bolstered Ted's courage. "Mary, I love you and want to marry you."

"I do!" said Mary instantly.

"What?" said Ted, taken aback.

"Yes, Ted, honestly and truly."

"I love you more than . . . I love you . . . I love you, Mary."

"I love you Ted."

Their lips met . . . well, there was no one to keep count of how many times. When Mr. Thomas returned to the porch alone, they sprang up from the swing.

"Jim drove me around the block—and then he drove me around the next block," said Mr. Thomas. "I'm afraid maybe I was kind of obvious. I got a notion he caught on around the thirtieth block."

"Ted wants to see you about something," said Mary and retreated into the house, closing the door.

Mr. Thomas looked at the embarrassed young man for some time. Then he smiled: "What's on your mind?"

"I . . I just thought we'd have a little chat."

Mr. Thomas made further efforts to put Ted at his ease, and at length Ted blurted out: "I . . . I guess it's kind of a surprise to you Mr. Thomas, my wanting to talk to you like this. Well, the reason I came here . . . Mr. Thomas, I'd like to marry your daughter."

Mr. Thomas was extremely surprised. "Let me get this straight. Did you say you wanted to marry my daughter?"

"I suppose it may sound a little funny to you, my wanting to marry Mary I mean, I guess anybody that didn't want to marry Mary would be crazy. Only . . ."

"Are you by any chance in love with her, young man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Eavesdropping, Mary?"

"And is she in love with you?"

"I . . . I think so."

"Maybe we'd better find out for sure. Mary!" Instantly the door was opened. "Mary, have you been eavesdropping?"

"Yes, father."

"Well, here's a big situation I need your advice about. This young man says . . . but what am I telling you for? You heard what he said."

"Isn't he wonderful, Dad?" said Mary, going to Ted and taking his hand.

"Well, what do you want me to do, Mary? Dismiss the young man with a reprimand. Notify his nearest relatives and—"

"No, I think I'll marry him, because I'm in love with him."

"Okay. Bless you, my children," said Mr. Thomas sincerely and left them together.

After an interval: "Ted, what will your mother say?"

"Anybody that didn't want me to love you would be crazy."

"No mother ever thinks a girl is good enough for her only son."

"Not my mother! I'm going to tell her about us tonight."

There was one subject that Mary approached gingerly. "Some people maybe won't think our getting married is such a wonderful idea. Ted, were you . . . were you ever engaged to Anastasia Atherton?"

"No, I never asked Anastasia to marry me. Why, Mary?"

"I wanted to be sure you weren't still a little bit in love with her."

"I'm not. Not even a little bit . ."

Mary said quickly: "I don't want to know any more! We've brought that subject out in the open and can dismiss it once and for all. Good night, Ted."

"Good night, Mary."

"I'm Engaged!"

As Mary entered the house, Evelyn, a bathrobe over her nightgown, exclaimed: "Mary! I've been waiting since 10.30! You're engaged!"

Still a bit dazed. Mary replied. "I guess . . . I guess I am. I'm . . . I'm engaged!"

Lights were flashed on and Harriet in her high-necked, long sleeved nightgown, flashed down the stairs greatly excited. She grabbed Mary.

"I listened at the window! I think I caught pneumonia, but it's worth it!" Tears came into the young girl's eyes. "It was the most beautiful thing I ever heard!"

(To Be Continued)

Stops Home Fires Burning

Asbestos-clad British fire fighter pictured here and hundreds like him hold Nazi destruction down by snuffing incendiary bombs as soon as they're spotted.

Three Ways To Lose Your Wife

Dr. A. L. Porterfield, who conducts a class on marriage and family life at Texas Christian University, listed the following "sure" ways to get rid of a wife:

1—Learn to flick cigarette ashes on the floor with maximum damage to the rug.

2—Never have fewer than four rusty razor blades scattered on the bathroom floor.

3—Come home late for dinner at least three times a week.

A Few Flowers Liven Up Room

Here Are Some Simple Ways of Doing Flower Arrangements That Will Brighten Your Home

A few flowers in a simple vase do wonders for a room. They can add the spot of color, the light touch, the centre of attraction which the room, no matter how well arranged, may lack.

LEAVES ON TULIPS

For brightening up living rooms, this is a grand spring arrangement for a piano or table. It is done with one dozen tulips.

You will want another holder for this and a vase abou 10 inches high. Do not take the leaves off the tulips. They are used as foliage and give a color contrast.

Be sure to do your arranging before you put your flowers in the vase. Nine of the tulips should be cut to vary gracefully in height above the vase, and the remaining three at different heights inside. Open the petals of the lower flowers. That is a professional touch to cover the holder, add color and give an artistic effect.

An additional hint about tulips—to keep them fresh overnight, wrap them in wet newspaper, put them back in water, and then place them in a cool room.

GAY KIDDIE FROCK AND CAPE

By ANNE ADAMS

An Anne Adams Spring special, this easy-to-make frock and cape are just what your youngster needs to see her through the season. The dress is in simple panelled style—nice in a checked fabric to show off the bias side panels. The neckline is beguilingly squared and there are front and back yokes that you may have in spirited contrast with the perky puffed sleeves to match. Or use one of those colorful new military or naval prints. You'll find the jaunty cape so simple to cut and stitch, for it's in just four pattern parts with no side seams. Order your pattern now — and finish this ensemble in time to greet robin redbreast!

Pattern 4715 is available in children's sizes, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. Size 6, dress, takes 2¼ yards 35 inch fabric and 1¾ yards lace edging; cape, 1¼ yards 54 inch fabric.

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Your Wallpaper Need Cleaning?

Bulges, Blisters and Tears May Be Simply Remedied

Grease spots can be taken off wallpaper by spreading over the affected area a soft paste made of fuller's earth and either carbon teterachloride or benzine. If the former is used, the fumes should not be inhaled.

The paste must be left on the wall until it is entirely white and dry and then it must be brushed off, using a soft brush.

If the wallpaper is loose in spots, ordinary library paste, well watered, will fix it up. Or regular wallpaper paste may be obtained at most hardware and paint stores.

PATCHING MATERIAL

Bulges and blisters in wallpaper can be fixed by inserting thinned-out wallpaper paste behind the bulge with a small syringe. Then cut a small slit at one end of the bulge and flatten it with a roller. Be sure to remove immediately any paste that oozes out.

If the paper needs patching, the patch should be torn rather than cut — this to insure that the patch will be properly feather-edge. Paste should then be applied to the back of the patching piece. If the patching material is carefully torn out and if the design is properly matched, the patch will be barely visible.

Finds U.S. People Need Bigger Hats

United States citizens are developing more gray matter between the ears. Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, Smithsonian Institution anthropologist, reported last week that measurements show skulls of modern Americans are broader than those of earlier generations.

Table Talks

By SADIE B. CHAMBERS

Request Recipes

Firstly, I have had requests for two recipes not given with last week's menu — One the whole "Wheat Muffins" and the other the "Date Loaf." These requests reminded me that a few others have accumulated—so it gives me great pleasure to repeat the following:

Whole Wheat Muffins

¼ cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1 cup sour milk
1 scant teaspoon soda
2 cups whole wheat flour

Cream butter and sugar thoroughly, add well beaten egg. Beat together until creamy—then add sour milk into which has been stirred the soda. Lastly add gradually the whole wheat flour.

For variations—Add a dash of nutmeg—or ¼ cup chopped dates—added last. Others prefer no seasoning or fruit but ¼ cup chopped nuts (also added last)—Occasionally just for a little extra by adding all three.

Date Loaf

1 cup chopped dates
¾ cup boiling water
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 egg
2 tablespoons melted butter
⅔ cup granulated sugar
1 cup white flour with ½ cup whole wheat flour or
1½ cups white flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup walnuts, broken

Place chopped dates in a bowl and add boiling water and baking soda; cool to lukewarm. Add sugar, beaten egg and melted butter—beat vigorously. Sift flour, measure, add salt and baking powder and then sift three times. If using part whole wheat flour—Sift baking powder and salt with white flour and add whole wheat flour last. Lastly, add walnuts and heat well.

Pour into well greased loaf pan or 2 baking powder tins (1 lb. size). Bake in moderate oven 350 degrees for 45 minutes or steam for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Turn out on wire rack and cool before cutting.

Pineapple Layer Cake

½ cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 well beaten eggs
2 cups flour
¼ teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons baking powder
¼ cup pineapple syrup
3 stiffly beaten egg whites

Cream butter and sugar together until light. Then add egg yolks. Mix and sift flour, salt and baking powder. Add alternately with pineapple syrup (flour). Fold in egg whites. Bake in layer cake pans in moderate oven 20 to 25 minutes. Put pineapple icing between and on top of cake.

Pineapple Icing

2 egg whites
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
¾ cup well-drained crushed pineapple

Beat egg whites to stiff froth. Add the powdered sugar and crushed pineapple. Beat well and add the additional powdered sugar until mixture holds its shape.

Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie B. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto." Send stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish a reply.

Infant Deaths Show Decrease

Rate Per Thousand Births in Dominion Down to 46 Compared With 53

Infant mortality in Canada showed a marked decline during the third quarter of 1940, compared with the rate during the corresponding period in 1939, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported in a preliminary quarterly review of vital statistics.

The rate was 46 per 1,000 live births, compared with a rate of 53 in the third quarter of the previous year. Deaths of infants under one year numbered 2,883 compared with 3,128.

MORE MATERNAL DEATHS

Stillbirths amounted to 1,613, or 2.5 per cent of all births, as against 1,528 and a rate of 2.5 per cent.

The live birth rate advanced to 22.0 per 1,000 population during the period from the 20.8 level of the third quarter of 1939. Live births numbered 63,242, compared with 59,252 and deaths totalled 25,155 with a rate of 8.7 per 1,000 population compared with 24,161 and a rate of 8.5.

There were 218 maternal deaths as compared with 213 and the rate was 3.4 as against 3.6 per 1,000 live births.

During the period there were 44,606 marriages, giving a rate of 15.5 as against 32,987 and a rate of 11.6 in the third quarter of 1939.

Many Are The Services of Salt

Throw salt on the soot that has just fallen on the carpet, and it will prevent it from making stains as you sweep it up. Pour salt on to ink if you spill it, and it will make the stain easier to remove, as it laps up quite a lot very quickly. Salt and vinegar is an excellent tannin remover; try it on your badly-stained teacups. Sprinkle salt on the carpet before you sweep it; it brightens the colors and helps to keep moths away. Salt added to your flower water will keep it fresh and helps the cut flowers to attain a ripe old age. Salt on a damp cloth removes egg stains from egg spoons. Soak your new broom in salt water for a few hours before using, and they will not only "sweep clean," but sweep longer without going soft.

Buying a Chicken?

When inspecting a chicken prior to purchase, press the end of the breast bones to see if a fowl is young. If the breast bone is flabby and soft, the bird will be lovely for frying, grilling, or roasting. If the breast bone is broken, have nothing to do with the bird and be careful of the poulterer who tried to sell it to you, too. If the bone is hard, the bird is suitable for boiling, but in this case always choose a white fowl with white legs—they are far the best for boiling.

Begin Attack Now On Clothes Moth

Combine Housecleaning With Extermination Jobs

Clothes moths and carpet beetles may cause damage to furs, woollens, and other fabrics of animal origin during any season of the year, but the greatest losses from their activities occur during the summer. Accordingly, suitable precautions should be taken as soon as possible in the spring, especially when winter clothing is being put away and will not be used again for some time.

HOW TO STORE CLOTHES

According to information issued by the Division of Entomology, Science Service, Dominion Department of Agriculture, clothing, blankets, and other articles subject to damage should be thoroughly brushed or be well cleaned before being stored away during the warm weather. Following this, they may be placed in boxes or trucks made as moth-tight and gas-tight as possible by sealing all cracks with adhesive tape. To remove any danger of infestation scatter about one pound of either fresh naphthalene flakes or para-dichlorobenzene crystals in each large trunkful of clothes and be sure that the lid is closed tightly. These products can be bought at any drug store.

SEARCH OUT BREEDING PLACES

The larvae of clothes moths and carpet beetles may develop in many out of the way places, such as inverted lamp globes, furnace air shafts, floor cracks, behind baseboards, and even in the mending basket. Discarded clothes and furnishings left in the basement or attic are also a frequent source of infestation. A periodical house-cleaning, which takes into account all these and similar likely breeding places, is one of the most effective control measures. Rugs should be cleaned on both sides. Where available, a vacuum cleaner is a valuable aid in doing a thorough job.

Cats With Mumps

In Rochester, N.Y., when three of William Callahan's kids came down with mumps, their two cats caught them too.

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