

Princess of Grätzen

LOUIS ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM

CHAPTER II

"Name of God! He asks how! It is all very simple. You stay on as the Baron de Morpin, here in your Chateau Philibert."

"But you, madame—" "If" The bright eyes danced and sparkled. "Well, I have thought of that."

"I shall be your housekeeper."

"But, madame—" "Stop making objections. This place is like a museum and it's dull as a morgue and it is the mercy of the good God that has caused some excitement to happen. It will be good to have these little ones. There is no reason in the world that they should ever know you were the butler. We can have a new man in the morning. I'll phone to Gabriel Follet at once."

"But will it not be cruel to deceive them, to let them think—" "No!" screamed madame. "No! No! No! But it would be cruel to have them learn, after being bombed and torpedoed and frozen and starved, that they are very likely to be at least frozen and starved again, my old one."

"There!" She lowered her voice as she saw the hurt, the trouble, the defeat in Rudolph's pale blue eyes. After all, he had dreamed of greatness once, of the high places, of ease and opulence. "I did not mean that you would be unable to maintain them, but three is quite a number and children need so much! Believe me, too, you will be doing a kindness to a lonely old woman. Not in years have I had the prospect of such fun or looked forward so much to anything. You must do as I tell you, Monsieur le Baron. I must begin calling you Baron."

Rudolph stared at Madame Fabre-Lusignan, comprehension coming like a slow dawn into his eyes. "There are no words, madame—none that I know in any language, to express—"

"There may be some in Siwash," said the old lady, biting on a roll, "but skip it, Rudi. When do the young ones arrive?"

"I should judge from the little I have digested of the press account that they will be here on tonight's train. They know the name of the station, St. Didier des Montagnes." "They speak French? English?"

"I do not know. But I think it is likely that, apart from their own tongue, they speak Swiss, perhaps"

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MEET FRANKLIN, WINNIE AND JOE



Triplets pictured above, born recently to Mrs. Josephine Walker, of Louisville, Ky., were promptly named after the original "Big Three." Left to right, they are: Franklin Roosevelt; Winnie Churchill (a girl); and Joseph Stalin Walker.

How Can I???

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make a good duster?

A. By using an old piece of flannel, dipping it in paraffin oil and letting it soak for several hours. Wring out tightly, then wash in tepid water and let dry. It will gather all dust and give a good polish to furniture and floors.

Q. How can I make a hair setting solution?

A. By taking 3 1/2 pints of water, to which is added 2 tablespoons of quince seed, allowing it to boil for 8 minutes, and then strain.

Q. How can I bleach clothes?

A. A spoonful of turpentine added to the boiler of clothes will bleach them, and is also excellent for cutting the grease and dirt.

Q. How can I keep metals bright?

A. Metals will keep bright after polishing if a bit of flannel is moistened with paraffin oil and the surface rubbed thoroughly. This will keep the metal bright for a longer time.

Q. How can I make a starch substitute?

A. Borax water is an excellent substitute for starch when stiffening sheer collars or voiles. Use a solution of weak gum arabic for silks and crepes.

TABLE TALKS

Adapt Recipes To Foods On Hand

One of the many problems of the home economists of the Consumer Section, Dominion Department of Agriculture, is developing recipes for available foods and adapting them to today's needs. With an eye to "shortcutting" and simplifying they have worked out some new, streamlined combinations of familiar foods.

Here are some of the new tricks recently discovered by these experts. Macaroni and spaghetti are usually cooked before mixing with the other ingredients but here is a modern simplified version.

Oven Macaroni
1 cup uncooked macaroni



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by Laura Wheeler

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CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Yesterday I was down town and I met many persons who looked happier than I had seen them for some time. That haunted look was gone from their eyes... they wanted to stop and talk about where their boys were and what they were doing... and possibly for the first time in months they talked without restraint and without fear. It was good to talk with them.

Yes, it is easy to rejoice with those who have reason for rejoicing. But what of the others? On the day of victory what can one say to the widow whose only son was killed when his plane crashed just a few short weeks ago... or to the father whose nineteen-year old son was recently the victim of a sniper's bullet... or to the family who, as yet, have no knowledge of the whereabouts of their son reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany. And above all, how can one find words to sympathize with the young wife and mother, who in the midst of general rejoicing, receives word that her young husband has been killed in action?

Perhaps these are not very cheerful thoughts — nevertheless one should remember there are hundreds of such cases in our midst — and if one remembers, then naturally one takes care that those who have suffered greatly will not be wounded still further by tactless and over-exuberant celebrations if it is in our power to prevent it.

Happily, there is another side to the picture. The long looked for return of the "five-year" men. Husbands who must learn to court again the girls they married. Fathers renewing their acquaintance with the kiddies who were mere toddlers when Daddy went away. And who can match the pride of the father who sees his son — or daughter for the very first time? Some of these happy family reunions are taking place day after day... and now that the war is over, every mother, every wife and every sweetheart, whose loved ones have been spared, will feel that at last she can really hope —

hope without that nameless dread — that the time will come, when the boy, or boys, who went away, will be marching home again.

Yes, but we shall need to have patience and fortitude. Wars are not settled overnight. Fighting will cease but there is still much work to be done, and the lads who wear the King's uniform are needed for the job. And there is still Japan!

As for us — particularly for the women who wait — we have our work to do — there is no room for idleness or relaxation while undreamed of distress prevails in Europe — but we can go forward with hopeful hearts, doing the job that nearest, helping, each in our own small way, to build a new world, making our homes and our communities places that our boys will be glad to come back to; remembering always that it depends upon us whether the boys will say upon their return "THIS was worth fighting for!"

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