## The Free Press Short Story

### THE JUNK-ROOM DELEGATE

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had spun like a top, there were so many get this man to bed in the junk room." tasks to do. Her mother was sick abed; house had to be cleaned; meals had protested her father. to be prepared; and there were two delegates to entertain. The great convention was in session, and Lela would who's coming right away." have no chance to attend until the following night. Oh, well, that did not they put the man to bed. Lela ran matter if only they could raise the money look for the doctor. "Quick!" she panfor mother's sea voyage Doctor Scudder ted, as his car stopped at the curb. had been most imperative. Where in the Doctor Scudder, he's about to die. world could they get it? As she sat, a delegate, a preacher, I expect. Supdrooping and depressed, a great auto- pose father should get sick like that mobile slid to a halt beside her, Elinor sometime!" Poindexter's handsome new sedan. Behind the wheel sat Elinor herself, the beautiful girl in town.

besides, she was so pretty.

almost to despair when Lela walked off in the kitchen. could beat her!

here? Getting a delegate?" "No," rallied Lela "mailing a letter what to do for him."

from New York."

color. How wonderful it would be to be able and kind. able to study Dramatic Art in New York! At six o'clock she struggled awake, summer term and the whole of the fol-"So you're really going?"

"Yes, mother has consented at last."

"This Doctor Borden." continued this hour. Eltnor, "is the pastor of a big church in New York. Many rich and really im- orange juice for Mr. Barton, Elinor with things like they are at home." portant people belong to it, and he is on came in. She tip-toed down the hall terms of intimacy with them. I can and was at the kitchen door before Lela meet these people through him. They'll saw her. "Give me Mrs. Kelly's bag. how happy this makes us." show me a good time." She stepped out Mother met Mrs. Kelly in town and inof the sedan importantly. "I'm meeting vited her to stay with us. They've been Doctor Borden now. I'll have to take friends for years. I can't stand her, him right on to the church, because he's but she's rich and wants me to visit her to speak to-night. Come to see him,"

The two went into the station. A believe he's here," worried Elinor. "I The men in charge of the convention

She hurried on.

"It's a pity she couldn't bring him in

ing against the wall near the news stand. do you think it's possible?" He was deathly pale. Undoubtedly he would have looked better if his clothes had been well-pressed. His shirt was Elinor went to the station to meet him." rumpled, and he carried his coat over his arm. A battered suit case lay at his

"Do they think I'm going to take a rivals, sort of. I mean at school, in the scarecrow like that? I don't believe he's dramatic club. She's smart. I don't valuable for hands, face, and as a hair ed from the use of plaster of Paris, 100, Doctor Borden! Lela, look! He's drunk! know any more than Elinor, but I come fixative. Wonderfully soothing and pro-" See him stagger! You stay here. I'll go out ahead most of the time. Perhaps tective. Especially recommended in parts, and quinine 10 parts. Abrasions

tion and waited. In a moment Elinor medal, but Elinor is going to New York came alone, furious. "His name is Bar- this summer to study dramatics." Her ton," she said angrily. "He looks like a voice throbbed with longing. He must be drunk, he talks so funny. He says that woman told him would look at him! I'm going home," drops spilled down her cheeks. "But comb your hair; but the time you need to water in quantities, or exposure

Yell into it. She looked at him closely, her mother's necessity.

Lela flew to a telephone booth; then she nettt barely recognized him.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* automobile expertly before the man in my car," she directed. station and wriggled from be- gave the red cap the lone dime in hind the wheel. Every muscle in her purse and drove as rapidly as she dared body shricked with fatigue. All day she "Daddy," she called, "Daddy, help me

"Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Johnston have the children had to be cared for; the your room. Where will you sleep now?"

"Oh, I'll manage., He's a delegate, and he's sick. I phoned Doctor Scudder, Barely conscious and mouning slightly,

Doctor Scudder assured her. "They'd Mr. Barton as he came over and sat be- Ultimately they will probably eat lettuce have to; the Lord would see to that." side her. At last she heard her number in other forms. He put a tender hand and rumpled her announced. Her imagination stirred, If the child does not care for milk in Lela envied Elinor Poindexter with hair affectionately. "Cast thy bread flamed. She rose from her chair and its natural form, serve it in forms that her cool poise, her assured position, her upon the water: for thou shalt find it knowledge of the audience faded away. please him. Scalloped potatoes call for shoals of money. Elinor lived in the after many days." He'd remember that She was alive only to the story she was milk and so does frizzled beef. Ice show place of the city. The rug on the it, too." He hurried into the junk hoom telling. floor, alone, had cost a thousand dollars you had got your feet mighty wet casting A deep, breathless silence hung over desserts such as creams; puddings, some and worked for an hour, two hours. Leia the house when she sat down. In the whips and dishes of junket. In turn Elinor envied Lela Bennett, left him there when she went to the awed hush Wilbur Trask began to sing: Junket is particularly valuable to the who made her own clothes, washed, and church to bring the delegates back for "Take my life and let it be, consecrated mother anxious to see that her child

with some coveted honor, the dramatic "He was a mighty sick man," he told ability to rivet and hold the attention peals to the appetite of children and class medal, for instance. Elinor had her, "a mighty sick man. He'd have of a great multitude, to make it feel as is much easier to digest. This later worked hard for it. The two girls had passed out in less than an hour, been she felt, that was power. She bowed her quality makes junket very desirable for an almost equal amount of talent and found dead in the station, I'm afraid head and prayed silently to be able to a lunch between meals, because by the advancement, but on the night of the He was on his last legs when you brought develop and use it rightly, always. contest the scales had tipped in favor of him, but didn't realize he was in such | The president was introducing Doctor the between-meal-bite has been digested. Lela. Elinor had cried bitterly, later, a dangerous condition. He'll be groggy John Borden, that great man of interso humiliated was she that Lela Bennett in the morning but all right, I guess. national fame. Lela looked around for interest to mothers. The first is for an the daughter of a penniless preacher, Must be some poor hick from the back- him. Possibly he was that man on the woods, attending his first convention. It's front bench. Open-mouthed with as- ren and adults. The second is a deli-She would show her! She hailed a pity. He kept muttering something tonishment, she saw Mr. Barton arise clous recipe for the children's party.

"We are to have a delegate," offered dragged a big chair into the junk room. self. "The great Doctor Borden, and I Elinor importantly, "the honor guest of She removed her frock, wrapped herself put him in the junk room!" the convention, Doctor John Borden, in a warm robe, and tiptoed into the kitchen for the alarm clock. Medicine "He must be wonderful," breathed had to be given, off and on, all night. Lela could have cried when she told Three times before morning the clock Doctor Borden good-by, and promised to 'Oh, 'as to that-" Elinor shrugged; shrilled alarmingly and had its first visit him and his family. "but he's a very important man, and shrick throttled. Three times Lela A week later three letters came from he's in a position to be of help to me. dragged herself from a black grave of New York, one for Reverend Bennett, You see, I'm going to New York to study sleep. Three times she ministered to one for Mrs. Bennett, and one for Lela. the man whose life she had saved. Very She opened hers first. It was from Doc-"Oh!" gasped Lela, her face drained of sweet and dear she seemed to him, cap- tor Borden, in which he repeated his and pour into dessert glasses. Chill in

yawned, rose wearfly, and stretched her lowing year's tuition in the most famous cramped muscles. From behind a cur- dramatic school of which New York can Lela tried hard to be enthusiastic. tain she collected fresh clothes. At least boast. She turned it over and over. It Some people seemed to have everything! she would have the bath to herself at did not seem possible. It was wonder-

when I come back from New York, I may

"Oh, Lela, Doctor Borden may have Father!" train had just come in, and the pass- been murdered or killed in some other sengers were coming from it. The re- way. He hasn't come. They wired his will think we are crazy. Tickets sure glasses. Let stand until firm, then chill and with wheat mixtures for grain proception committee was meeting delegates home, and his wife says he left for the enough." They read the letters from in refrigerator. and assigning them to homes. "I don't convention. Nobody's seen him since! don't see anybody important-looking, do are running around like they're crazy, and Wilbur Trask, that wonderful singer | guides, everything, The members of the reception commit- who's leading the convention music, is tee lingered at the gate, then came the musical director of Doctor Borden's through the station on the way to their church. He's almost wild. ... I hope car. One of them came over to Elinor. Doctor Borden's not dead. Wouldn't that "He has come," she announced: "He's be awful, when I was depending on him out there, just outside the news stand." to make life pleasant for me this sum-

Lela carried the orange juice to Mr. and introduce me." siffed Elinor. "Let's Barton. The door was half open, and he had heard every word that Elinor had From the door the girls looked into said. He looked at her strangely, Lela the brightly-lighted train shed." "There thought, but she paid little attention to he is " whispered Elinor. "Just look at him. "Elinor says that Doctor Borden, Doctor John Borden, may be dead; that A rather queer-looking man was lean- some one may have murdered him. Oh,

"Why? He hasn't come?" "No. we were expecting him last night.

"This Elinor is she your friend?" "Of all things!" ejaculated Elinor poor. I'm poor-and very rich. We are ing, refreshing, it is delightful to use, containing quinine keep the animal from any special advantage from these mixit isn't fair, but she has so many things cases of roughness or chafing caused by caused by harness and other skin in-Lela walked a few steps into the sta- and is so beautiful. I won the dramatic weather conditions.

> "You'd like to go?" asked Mr. Barton. Lela clasped her hands over her heart

and get me a doctor!" living room, so changed Reverend Ben- of a chance, that is the time to wear or 2 to 4

planned Lela, "and I can have the junk room 'again."

Mr. Barton, as she came out dressed for They are told to eat this and that and the night session. The young people of apparently many of them follow the adthe state were to be featured, and the vice given and find it to be good advice local organization was presenting Lela Much has been written also regarding in a dramatic reading. "What are you food for children. Mothers are advised going to give?" he asked.

the story of an artist who painted a may be successful. I am afraid, however great picture. 'The Last Supper,' and that others meet with trouble. for the portrait of Judas. He was the ach. close of the service."

"He'll be there," remarked her father, food, "Wilbur Trask; received a message from him. I meant to tell you."

with the others destined to appear upon came calm. She looked for Mr. Barton? really accomplishes any good. There he was in the back of the building

Lela triumphantly. "What are you doing about letting the convention know he and step forward, saw the whole concouldn't get there. Let me show you vention stand to greet him, understand in a flash just how matters were.

When Doctor Scudder had gone, Lela "To think of it!" she wailed to her-

The next night the convention closed

thanks and enclosed a receipt for the refrigerator. Recipe make five servings. ful, the dream of her life come true! That afternoon as Lela was straining Suddenly she began to cry. "I won't go,

"Of course you'll go!" her father and mother assured her. "You don't know

"Open yours, Mother," wept Lela. Mrs. Bennett tore open the long velope and spread the contents on her

for she has very good social connections." tickets! Two of them! Oh, Mother! lukewarm milk. Mix well. Add dissolved severely from hot dry weather at flower-

the steamship company. There were one hundred and twenty-five days all paid for, including hotels, drives, fees, "Open, yours Father," breathed Lela.

Slowly he tore it open, read it through once, twice. "It's an offer from Doctor Borden, or from his church, through him. I'm offered the position of second assist-

"When do they want you to come?" "The middle of October."

"Oh, Father, that will give you time for your trip. You can resign here and have a wonderful place to come back to. Grandmother will take care of the children. Oh. glory! Isn't it the most won-A still, small voice within her an-

## THE TIME TO DRESS UP

When you have a good job, it is natural tails of feeding and management.

"I'll put Mr. Barton in my room now," CATERING TO CHILDREN'S WHIM

Much has been written during the past "How grand we are!" complimented few years about the diet of grown-ups. to serve this and that. Many of them " 'Number, Six," she told him. "It's probably try to follow this advice. A few

used a beautiful young man for the hu- It is all very well and good for a man suggestion of Jesus. Ten years later writer to suggest giving a daily plate of found a degraded man in prison, spinach to Jane or Joseph-but Jane and under sentence of death, and used him Joseph may refuse to touch their spin-

same man. The people who planned the Not only does this apply to unusual programme thought it was appropriate food like spinach, but unfortunately it for the young people's programme. Doc- even applies to food like milk-for far tor Borden was to have talked at the too many mothers know that all children are not partial to even this healthful

Scmetimes it is possible to force unwelcome foods upon children. When this At last the audience was in the great is done some ultimately come to like church. Lela was upon the platform these foods. Others, I am afraid, acquire a greater dislike than ever, and somethe programme. Slowly her nerves be- times I wonder whether forced feeding.

To my way of thinking the wise motha half dozen dignitaries of the church er should cater to her children's whims. If the child refuses to eat lettuce, try The meeting began, and Wilbur Trask serving delicious fruit-salads on dainty fairly dragged the protesting Mr. Barton pieces of crisp lettuce. Sooner or later to a pulpit chair. Lela thought it very the children are likely to learn to like kind of Trask and smiled sweetly upon this lettuce flavored with fruit juices.

ironed them. Lela was pretty, too, in the night. He was ready to leave when Lord, to Thee." Lela sat very quietly, secures a considerable quantity of milk her dwn fashion, and people liked her, she closed the guest-room door upon huddled in the great pulpit chair. She each day. It completely transforms milk Rlinor was not popular, and it drove her them and came back to where he waited felt very humble, very grateful. This changes it from a liquid to a custard-like was a great moment in her life. The form, adds flavor in natural colors, ap-

> EGG JUNKET 1 tablet for junket 1 tablespoon cold water 2 egg yolks

3 tablespoon sugar 1 pint milk 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring Small pinch salt

Dissolve tablet for junket in one tablespoon cold water. Beat egg yolks slightly, add sugar, salt and vanilla flavoring to milk. Warm to likewarm-not hot, stirring constantly. Add dissolved tablet for junket. Stir quickly a few seconds

BO-PEEPS PARTY PUDDING

1 tablet for junket . 1 pint milk 1 tablespoon cocoa

1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring 3 tablespoons honey 1/2 cup heavy cream Crisp rice, corn or wheat flakes

constantly. Let boil one minute, contin- tend to keep a weak strawed grain such in 1 tablespoon cold water. Warm milk this mixture must be seeded by June to lukewarm-NOT HOT. Add vanilla might, however, be a serious disadvant tablet for junket. Stir quickly for a few ing time. "Hush," begged her father, "people seconds. Pour at once into dessert Buckwheat has been grown with barley

HELPING THE WORKING HORSE

sistent is caused by flies containing the week of August when the buckwheat was larvae of stomach worms feeding on more than 80 percent, matured. small wounds or abrasions on the skin. In a similar experiment conducted by The larvae escape from the mouth of the Ontario Agricultural College a mixthe fly and live in the wound, causing ture of 4 pecks of buckwheat and 6 pecks irritation and itching, the lesion per- of barley gave the highest yield with swered: "Bread cast upon the waters." sisting as a chronic sore until the onset 3 pecks of buckwheat and 6 pecks of of the cold weather. The following treat- barley ranking second. In this experiments are recommended by the Domin- ment the mixtures in which Rough buck-Persian Balm the delight of dainty ion Department of Agriculture. One per wheat was used yielded considerably feminity. Imparts a fragrant charm to cent. pieric acid in glycerine. Chloro- better than those which contained the "Well, yes and no. I don't suppose so, the complexion. Tones up the skin and form, ether or idoform applied to the Silverhull variety. From the standpoint I like her in spots. She's rich-and very makes it velvety soft in texture. Cool- wound every day. Astringent powders of yield the data obtained do not show Never leaves a vestige of stickiness. In- biting the sore. Good results are report- tures for grain production. parts; alum 20 parts; naphthalene, 10 juries should be protected from flies by the use of repellents such as oil of tar. Spasmodic colic frequently affects horses as the result of the failure of the horseman to observe the proper de-

to go with me. I can see the way mother her eyes filled with tears; two great to be careful to polish your shoes and direct cause may be change of food, cold I couldn't this summer even if I had the take pains with your personal appearance draughts when the animal is heated. Lela waited uncertainly. She wondered money, and I haven't. You see, mother is when you are out of work. The girl The symptons are sudden attack, pawing, where the man would go. He came in, -" and she poured out the story of in a happy mood dresses up as a matter stamping, stretching, kicking at stormen staggering, made for a seat, and fairly the ocean voyage, her father's poverty, of course; but it is when she is down- looking round toward flank, throwing, hearted and discouraged that she should rolling and perspiration. The painful He was sick, and he was a delegate. She Preparing supper, she was surprised take the most trouble to wave her hair period disappears but reappears just as hesitated, then crossed to him. "Are you to see her patient at the telephone in and should put on her gayest gown. To the horse seems to be normal. The foisick?" she asked softly. "Did you come the living room. Later he called the let your appearance reflect your mood lowing drench is useful—sulphuric ether, telegraph office. When her father came is a mistake. Your appearance has a 1 to 2 ounces; laudanum, 1 to 2 ounces; He raised haggard eyes to her face. in with the news that Mrs. Johnston had strong effect on your mood, and when raw linseed oil, 1/2 to 1 pint, according to "I'm about to die," he answered hoarse- been called home, he was sitting in the you feel that you have not the ghost age or size; or 1 to 11/2 ounces ginger,

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> duction at the Central Experimental Serve in same glasses topped with Farm. Ottawa, in each of the last honeved whipped cream and cereal three years. The silverhull variety of flakes. Allow 11/2 tablespoons strained buckwheat, O. A. C. 21 barley and Garhoney to each cup of whipped cream. net wheat were varieties used through-Add 1 cup crisp cereal flakes and mix out the experiment. The season of 1930 well. Garnish top with flakes also. The alone at 2 bushels per acre or wheat cereal should not be added until serving was the only one in which barley seeded alone at 11/2 bushels per acre did not outyield the combinations. The best mixture was sown at the rate of 4 pecks of barley and 3 pecks of buckwheat These mixtures were sown on the average A type of sore on horses that is per- date of May 27th and cut the fourth

## A QUICK PICK-UP

Winston Churchill in an interview spoke of his father, Lord Randolph. "My father." he said, "was quick in debate. Sometimes perhaps, he was too

"In the House of Commons one day Liberal, Mr. Algernon Beauford. Mr Beauford made a rash statement and my father, perhaps too quick, as usual, shouted out from his seat; " How can a bald-headed man be so

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