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A Woman's Hat

By ETHELYN PARKINSON
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A FTER being married to Tot for fifteen years George Witherbee had learned to expect just anything at breakfast. Still, he was a bit alarmed the morning Tot suddenly burst into tears. "What's wrong, honey?" he asked gently.

Tot gulped and stuttered, "I'm so-o unpopular. And I've got to make that speech at the United Clubs Bond drive tonight. I represent the Woman's Club, Each speaker is up for ten minutes and there are ten minutes for buying bonds. I just know that no one will buy after I speak. Everyone will buy for Janey Watson, representing the Mothers' Club. She has wonderful clothes and stage presence and personality—"

"Nonsense!" George said. He knew Tot's faults but he knew that she was just as good and twice as patriotic as Janey Watson. As to her wardrobe, Tot really had sacrificed to buy bonds. It must have hurt, because she loved frivolous

"So you've been saving for something."

expensive things. He reached in his pocket. "Here, honey. Dress

"It won't help a bit," Tot sobbed.

But later she thought it over. Her hat was a wreck. It had been very

nice-a little skullcap of sequins

with a veil. But for some time she

had been conscious of its shabbiness. A new hat would give her a lift.

town. Just before dinner time she found the hat. It was a tiny, flow-

ered, foolish thing-very bright and

light as froth. It had a perky bit of a veil. To Tot it was magic. It

made her feel young and gay, yet

poised and self-confident. "I'll take

it." she told the indifferent sales-

George's smile flashed proudly

They went directly to the Bond

Janey must have spent the day

in the beauty parlor and she was in a brand-new outfit from top to

toe. So were Marge Wilson and-

Alice Lawe. But no one had as pret-

Alice spoke first. She sold fif-

teen thousand dollars' worth of

bonds. Janey was next. She sparkled. She was coquettish. She ad-

dressed her remarks to "You great big handsome gentlemen." Her

sales amounted to six thousand dol-

"I can't understand it," Tot whis-

"I can," Alice said. "The great

Tot was next. She saw George's

proud look. She remembered her

hat and kept her chin up. Her speech was titled, "Do You Really

"So you've been saving for some-

thing," Tot finished. "Do you really

need it? If not, go without it! The boys really do need the things your

The terrific applause amazed and frightened her a little. Forty thou-

sand dollars were chalked up for

her. She sat down flushed with hap-

Marge spoke last Her sales

were low, possibly because almost everyone had bought all they could.

Then Tot saw Janey Watson com-

ing toward her. Janey was smiling too, but her eyes were green. "Con-

gratulations, Tot. You were very clever. Of course, dear, no one but

you would think of making a bond

speech in that hat. I kept wonder-

Tot's face flamed. She knew the hat was inexpensive, but Janey

wasn't usually sarcastic. Well, it was a clear case of sour grapes!

Tot opened her mouth to say so,

glanced in a mirror—and was silent. "I suppose you went over big because everyone could see that you practiced what you preached,"

Tot laughed. "That was the general idea." She glanced in the mirror again. Her face was radiant.

and she was wearing her old hat. Thank heaven for that indifferent

Janey said with a shrug.

- .'magirl'

Anyway, Tot was the winner.

bond money will buy!"

big handsome gentlemen's wives

didn't like Janey's approach,"

when he saw her. "Well, well! Feel-

Drive and Tot hurried to the platform with the other speakers. "You look lovely," she told Janey Wat-

ing better?"

ty a hat as Tot's!

pered to Alice.

Need It?"

Tot worked on her speech all day. Toward evening she dressed in her best looking suit and went down-



Murray Adaskin, well-known Canadian violinist and founder and director of the "Toronto Trio," ppular string group that has returned to the CBC Trans-Canada network for several weeks on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Adaskin has appeared in most of the OBC's major musical programs originating in Toronto.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lane have returned home from a vacation visit at Gull Lake. Also holidaying at the same resort were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Bateman of Montreal, former residents of town.

Joan Bickie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bickie, celebrated has seventh birthday on Tuccday, July 15th, when she entertained at her home on Edith Street for a number of her young friends. These included Jacqueline Lucas, Helen Muchart, Susan Whitmee, Marilyn and Jocelyn Bell, Louise and June Oliver, Beverley Clark and David McNally.

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TO THE ABOVE well-known saying could very well be added the fall fair, which is one of the traditions we Canadians have carried down for over one hundred years.

FOR THE NEXT month or so the local Fall Fair will occupy a prominent place in the minds of our citizens. The gardener and farmers will be anxiously scanning their respective domains to see what flowers, fruit, grain, stock, vegetables, etc. are fit for exhibition, while the fair housewife will be putting the finishing touches to those fancy pieces of needlework, and later may wear herself to a frazzle over the cookstove concocting those toothsome dainties which are a tantalizing torment, not only to the hungry spectator, but to the judge and night watchman who is usually appointed to guard the exhibits.

THEN AGAIN in addition to exhibits, there is the big horse show which attracts the best in horse-flesh from all over Ontario—the trotting races, not much perhaps in comparison with the big meets in the larger centres, but still sufficient to give us quite a creditable thrill when a finish is close . . . Stanger's big midway will already be on its way from the West to entertain and thrill the younger set.,

THESE AND OTHER attractions gather together a large and representative crowd of all sorts of men and women out for a day's enjoyment, who are glad'to meet together for a few hours of friendly intercourse, to view and genially criticize the efforts of one another in the agricultural, horticultural or domestic science line—, to talk over old days when the fair "was some fair I can tell you"— and in spite of the 't that the pessimists declare the day of the fair is over, abundantly demonstrate that it is by no means so decadent as some would have us believe—but instead is one of the larger attractions of the times—still a rallying point for a renewal of old time friendships, and an encouragement and help alike to the amateur gardener and his professional compatriot, the farmer.

THE DATES to remember — Georgetown Fall Fair, September 12th and 13th, 1947.



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