

# THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

(By Frances Walter)

## I START FOR MY OLD HOME

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Mariam and Miss Thompson accompanied me to my train, and both clung to me until the very last. Miss Thompson besought me to be careful of my health, while Mariam repeated over and over that she was heartbroken because I was leaving her just when she expected to be with me again for an indefinite period. Miss Thompson knew enough of my affairs, or had guessed enough to understand the circumstances under which I was taking my departure. But Mariam was plainly mystified. She asked me once or twice where Arthur was, and when I told her that he was in New York she was only partly satisfied. She sensed something wrong, but she was unable to understand just where the trouble lay. At one time she placed her hand on my arm, and looking up tenderly into my eyes, said:

"Roxane, you are unhappy. I know it and you need not try to hide it from me. Of course, you don't have to tell me unless you want to, but I feel that something has happened to you, and that Arthur is involved. Is there anything that I can do to help you?"

My heart beat warmly in appreciation of this whole-souled sympathy and offer, but I did not wish to cloud little Mariam's young life with my troubles.

It often happens these days that children learn at an early age too much about the martial unhappiness of others. Sometimes they learn from observation in their own home, where their mothers and fathers are at daggers drawn half the time, or they learn when one or the other side takes the family troubles to the divorce courts. Sometimes they learn from newspapers, which constantly print accounts of the domestic unhappiness of unfortunately married couples.

I am firmly convinced that the publication of the proceedings of divorce courts is the most productive cause of divorces and hope before long aroused public sentiment will insist by means of legislative enactment that all divorce proceedings be conducted in secret, and that newspapers be prohibited under heavy penalty from making public any such proceeding.

With such a statute in effect I believe that the number of divorces sought would be greatly reduced. Of course, I am not foolish enough to think that this would solve the divorce problem, but if the private affairs of men and their wives are no longer made matters of public scandal other married couples will not be

reminded day in and day out that it is a simple matter to cast off the solemn obligations which they assumed when they became man and wife.

Many a woman would be happy in the love of her husband today had she not learned from the newspapers how easy it was to obtain freedom. Many a man would still be the head of a happy family if the newspapers had not suggested to him that the divorce courts offered a solution of his troubles, when in reality his troubles consisted merely of a lack of patience on his own part or that of his wife.

It is the old story which was expressed by the poet in the lines—

Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,  
As to be hated needs but to be seen;  
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,  
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

I have actually known women who were proud of the fact that they had divorced their husbands. They seemed to think that it left a quality of aristocracy to them and placed them in the same class with Mrs. So-and-So, a well-known society, or Madame X—, the distinguished artist.

So I did not intend to tell Mariam anything about my trouble with Arthur. She would step into married life before long, and it would be time enough then for her to learn what it meant in the way of patience and gentleness, or jealousy and heartache, or sweetness and happiness, or sorrow and misery.

"I am going home to rest," I told her. "If I invite you to visit me a little later will you come?"

Her eyes brightened with gladness.

"Indeed I will, Roxane. Hurry and invite me."

"Just as soon as I am strong again I will write you," I told her.

"And I will take the first train after I receive the letter."

"Do."

"Uncle John will want to come with me, I know."

"But perhaps Uncle John will not be invited."

"That will break his heart."

The clanging of a bell interrupted our conversation, and Mariam and Miss Thompson rose hurriedly and left the car. I glanced out of the window as the train started, and I saw Mariam dabbing her eyes with her handkerchief. Miss Thompson had her arm about her waist and apparently was trying to console her. It seemed as if I was leaving behind me the two best friends I had in the world.

(To be continued.)

# Easy & Practical Home Dress Making Lessons

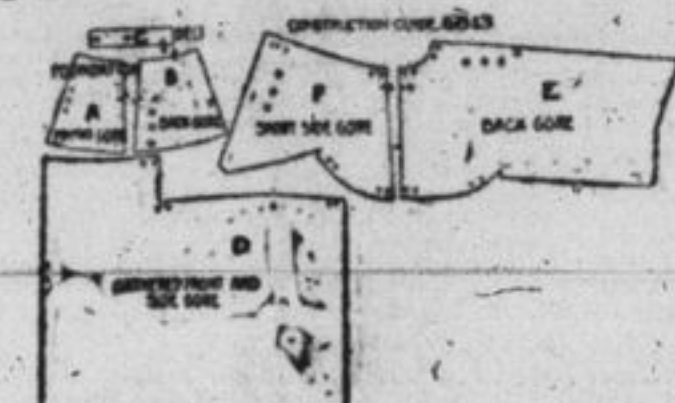
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In the Height of Fashion.



Form an inverted plait at center-back, creasing on spot perforations bring folded edge to center-back seam and tack. Sew the belt to the upper edge of foundation as notched, center-fronts even, easing in fulness.

Now, take the front and side gore, cut in one and gather upper edges between double "TT" perforations. Adjust to position on foundation gore, center-fronts even; stitch gathers at upper edge to position along upper edge of belt, bringing the side edge to large "O" perforation in belt. Stitch the remaining gathers to position along upper crossline of small "o" perforations in foundation gore.



Gather along crossline of small "o" perforations and stitch along lower line of small "o" perforations in foundation, bringing large "O" perforations together. Bring the single small "o" perforations in front gore to corresponding perforations in front foundation gore and tack.

For the gathered back and short side gore, turn the hems before joining two sections as notched. Close center-back seam from single large "O" perforation to lower edge, finish edges above for a placket. Gather upper edge and the lower rounded edge between double "TT" perforations. Arrange on foundation, center-backs even; stitch upper edges together bringing front edge to small "o" perforation nearest center-front in belt and bring the small "o" perforation near side seam of short side gore to remaining small "o" perforation in belt. Tack the remaining gathered edge of side gore, and back gore along lower line of small "o" perforations in foundation bringing the seam to single large "O" perforation in foundation back gore. Bring the single small "o" perforations along the side edge of back gore to corresponding perforations in side gore. Finish the lower edge of the skirt with a ruching of silk, using narrower ruchings for the overskirt and collar.

The fashionable striped skirt worn with a bodice of taffeta corresponding with the overskirt. The underskirt is of crepe Georgette.

One must have one of the new striped skirts made in bouffant effect to wear with a quaint little bodice, to be in the height of fashion. Taffeta with a satin stripe is used for the skirt shown here. The overskirt, jumper and full about the bottom of the skirt are of plain silk, while the underskirt is crepe Georgette.

In medium size the costume requires 3 1/2 yards 36-inch striped and 4 yards 36-inch plain taffeta and 1 1/2 yards crepe Georgette.

The home dressmaker who wishes to make this skirt to use with separate waists, will find it easy to construct. The foundation is a short, three-piece affair, over which the skirt is draped. To start the foundation, join the front and back gores as notched, then close the back seam from large "O" perforation to lower edge and finish edges above for placket.

Pictorial Review Waist No. 6735. Sizes, 34 to 42 inches bust. Price, 15 cents.  
Skirt No. 6813. Sizes, 22 to 32 inches waist. Price, 15 cents.

## SIKHS SHOW BRAVERY

Indian Troops Cold Blooded and Invincible With Bayonet.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.

In several respects the Sikhs, who are, with the Indian forces at the front in France and Belgium, form a unique fighting force. In the first place they fill fully one-third of the rank and file of the native armies in India. Unlike the Gurkhas, however, they do not belong to a single race.

There are several types of Sikhs, the force being divided into clans. There is what is known as the "Khatartars," or "Kshatriyas," clan, consisting of representatives of the old military caste of Hindus. They are not such big men as the "Jats," another Sikh clan, consisting of tall stalwart fellows who are a distinct contrast to the Mazbis, who are short, rather inclined to be stout, and have very dark skin and irregular features.

All the clans, however, are noted for their great powers of endurance, fighting qualities and skill in handling a gun and bayonet. Indeed, it has often been said by military experts that there is no more cool and effective soldier in the world than the Sikh, who takes to drill like a duck to water, soon becomes a sharpshooter and masters the use of the bayonet possibly better than the soldiers of any other nationality.

So cold blooded and invincible, indeed, are they in a bayonet charge that it frightens even the most fearless fighters, who lose their nerves when confronted by the merciless steel in the hands of these dauntless and determined Indian troops.

Although, however, there are various radical differences between the clans of the Sikhs, there is one link which binds them together, and that is their religion, which is called "Sikhism." Without going into details it may be said that this faith disdains idolatry.

## CHURCH OF GRINDSTONES.

Pastor Who Uncarved Them in Waste Heap Dedicates It.

A church built of grindstones, which were dug out of a waste pile at Henry Disston & Sons' plant in Philadelphia, Pa., has been dedicated by the Baptists of Tacony. The pastor, the Rev. George W. Tyson, labored for months with pick and shovel excavating the grindstones and superintending the work of placing them in the walls. The church cost the congregation \$11,000.

The Rev. Mr. Tyson obtained the consent of the Disston Company to take the stones from the waste pile, where they were thrown after having been used for grinding saws. More than 2,500 stones were used in the construction of the church, which is 87 by 43 feet. The Rev. Mr. Tyson presided at the dedicatory exercises, and the Rev. Dr. A. J. Rowland, of the American Baptist Publication Society, preached the dedication sermon.

There's a lot of lead coin in the currency of pride and aristocracy.

## BLOW TO GERMAN PRESTIGE

King Alfonso's Marriage Showed the Trend of Europe.

It is probable that the trend of Belgium away from Germany and towards friendship with France and England dated from the Algiers conference, 1906, says Arthur Ballard in "Diplomacy and the Great War".

But a more tangible symptom of the new state of things in Europe was given—by the international comity of the Spanish marriage. For a long time the habit of marrying German princesses. Young Alfonso had been feted from one end of the empire to the other, he had passed in review the royal Gretchen of all the courts of the Deutschland. And when he returned to Madrid and wrote his bread-and-butter letters of thanks for all their lavish hospitality he announced his engagement to a niece of King Edward. A prince of the house of Hapsburg preferred an English girl! German women are among the things listed as "uber alles" in the famous song. Not long afterwards a Norwegian prince followed the example of Alfonso and chose an English bride. German prestige was falling.

## LIQUID AIR FOR BLASTING

Substance Is Cheaper and Less Dangerous Than Dynamite.

Popular Mechanic.

Liquid air has been used increasingly in Germany for blasting since the outbreak of the war, and so satisfactory has it been found that doubtless it will be used even more after the war.

One advantage that liquid air has over explosives is the safety with which it can be handled.

In blasting, black mouselike bags, which are called cartridges and are saturated with the liquid air and used as charges. Though one of the cartridges is more powerful than an ordinary charge of dynamite, it can be trampled under foot without any danger, a hissing sound, like escaping steam being the only noise produced.

The miners take several of these cartridges and with a stick jam them into a hole that has been drilled into the rock. The charge is set off by means of electricity. According to German figures, the liquid air, under present methods of manufacture, costs about one-half as much as dynamite.

## Schooner Not to Be Sold.

Ottawa, Sept. 1.—The Government schooner Bursleigh will remain for the present a Government schooner. She is a trim little vessel and in view of the shortage of tonnage on the Atlantic, it was urged by maritime interests in Halifax that the Naval Service Department should sell her. The department agreed, and a number of bids were received, none of them corresponding with the value of the ship, and the tenders have been notified that there will be no sale.

# "Low Cost of Living" Menu

## Menu for Saturday

- BREAKFAST**  
Huckleberries  
Cold Boiled Cereal  
Fried Tomatoes on Toast  
Milk  
Sliced  
Jam or Fruit Butter  
Coffee or Cocoa
- LUNCHEON OR SUPPER**  
Surprise Potatoes  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Huckleberry Float  
Milk or Teed Cocoa
- DINNER**  
Vegetable Chowder with Meat  
Corn on Cob  
Sliced Tomatoes  
New Apple Pie, Teed Coffee or Tea

Huckleberry Float  
Materials—One cup huckleberries, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 tea-

spoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon shortening, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup milk.

Utensils—Colander, small saucepan, two measuring cups, teaspoon, tablespoon, mixing bowl, flour sifter, plectin.

Directions—Pick and wash the berries, put in small saucepan with half cup of water; bring to boil quickly, add the sugar and boil five minutes. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into bowl, add the shortening and rub in very lightly; add milk very slowly. Take up spoonful and form into round balls; place on floured plectin, brush with cold milk; bake twelve minutes in hot oven, while warm break in half; put in glass bowl and pour over the huckleberries. Serve at once. You can put a little butter on each biscuit if you like.

## WOMEN SHOW SKILL ON MECHANICAL WORK

Dayton, Ohio, Man Establishes Training School and Pays Wages Equal to Men's.

New York Times.

Women have proved themselves much more capable than men in doing the mechanical work, according to Will I. Ohmer of Dayton, O., who is the central figure in a real romance of modern business. Ohmer paid high tribute to the ability of women workers. A little over a year ago he was a manufacturer of weighing and measuring apparatus in Dayton. Learning that contractors for shells for the European countries were handicapped by shortage of time fuses, Ohmer turned his concern, the Recording and Computing Machines Company, to supplying them. Today his establishment turns out 28,000 time fuses a day, beginning with the raw material and ending with the finished product. It employs 7,400 workers and has a weekly pay roll of \$128,000.

When in New York last fall Ohmer received word that a strike had been called at his plant. He telegraphed back offering the women workers, then numbering 100, equal pay with the men if they would remain at work. They did. Ohmer established a training school and found that women learned in three weeks as much about handling the special machinery of the establishment as men had acquired in three to five years. The plant now has 4,900 women, who formerly were school teachers, musicians, singers, stenographers, etc., and they receive from \$3 to \$7 a day.

Ohmer said a test was made on certain machines on which the best men mechanics had been able to turn out only 300 parts a day. Three hundred women were tried on the machines, and they averaged 1,300 parts a day. On another machine on which men turned out eleven parts an hour, women turned out fifty-seven.

The Reason.

"James!" she said severely. "The butler looked up with a guilty flush."

"James," she asked, "how is it that whenever I come into the pantry I find your work at sixes and sevens, and you sprang out reading the war news?"

"Well, ma'am," the butler answered, "should say it was on account of them old rubber-sole shoes you're always wearing around the house."



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ONCE a week at least there is a big day centering around the kitchen range. The boiler takes up a lot of room, and there is the dinner to cook—because no woman wants to serve "wash-day dinners."

The range should take care of both the dinner and the washing. And if you have a Pandora, it will.

Set the boiler on the long way of the Pandora—not on top, but right down in the pot holes. That leaves two of the hot front holes free for cooking and at the same time keeps the boiler on the boil. Should you have to add coal to the fire, you can do so without taking off the lids or disturbing your cooking.

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—Mrs. BERT GARVEY, 20 Hecker St., Worcester, Mass.

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LONGEST SIEGE OF WAR.

Mora, in the Cameroons, Defenders for Eighteen Months.

What has been the longest siege of the war?

It is doubtful whether 1,000 Britons, outside of official life, could answer the question. This is not strange, because the story is told here for the first time. It comes from a young British officer who had the sanction of the War Office to tell the story of the most stubborn scrap of the war.

When the history of the war is written it may be known as the Siege of Mora—a siege which lasted for eighteen months. With Mora in the hands of the British and French, the Allies came into possession of a country of 291,950 square miles in area, which is as large as the German Empire and Belgium and the part of France under German occupation at the present time. This is the Cameroons, or, as the Germans spell it, Kamerun.

The truly brave man is not a boaster when the danger is past. Many of our mind wishes would seem nonsensical in words.

## JEAN WILDE CLARKE

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