In The Realm Of Woman---Some Interesting Features

THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

(By Frances Walter)

VIRGINIA PELHAM.

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The more I looked at Virginia Pelham, the happier I became that she was my cousin. And when I realized that her character was just as fine as her face and form the more I wondered that I ever should have thought her dried up, ugly and ill-natured.

Although she was much taller than the average woman grows to be, her well-proportioned body and limbs convinced the observer that she was just the right size. Certain it was that she was not only handsome and impressive, but at times it seemed that "grand" was the only adjective that could properly describe her.

Her hair was straight and of a chestnut hue which became all the richer because of the great wealth of this "crown of glory." she appeared not to have any particular way to do it up. It just seemed to arrange itself of its own accord in a fashion which suited her precisely. Her skin was the fairest I had ever seen possessed by a normally healthy person. and it was without a blemish. At her throat it was so beautiful that one could but stare at it and marvel at its loveliness, and its charm was doubly enhanced by the curves of her neck and shoulders. Her hands were large as became a woman of her size, but their softness and perfect proportion made it possible for one to wish they could be otherwise than they were. She dressed simply, yet in perfect taste.

But her chief attraction lay in her personality. She possessed the most wonderfully intelligent eyes I ever saw, and when they were lighted with a smile it seemed that a warm glow diffused itself through the atmosphere, cheering everyone it touched into joyousness. One could not look at her without letting one's gaze linger as long as possible. I have seen faces transformed by a mere glance at her. I have been present when an entire company of people were changed by her very appearance that one would have thought a different crowd suddenly had been substituted for the one which previously was in the room.

This may seem extravagant praise, but it is no such thing. It is the truth about one of the most remarkable women I ever saw.

What surprised me was that she still was unmarried. I could not guess her age, but she certainly was not less than 26, although she might have been any age between 20 and 30. She was one of those daughters of the South who mature early yet retain their youthful beauty through many years. How she had escaped the arrows of the industrious little Love God? Or had she felt the sharpness of his dart and hid the wound? Was it possible that her gentleness and unerring sympathy were the result of a sad experience through which she had come triumphant and purified as if by fire? Or was she merely one of those natures endowed by Providence with the most womanly of attributes?

I could not help thinking about Virginia Pelham in the solitude of my room. The impression which she left with me was too poignant easily to be effaced. I wondered what her past life had been and what the future would have in store for her. Was it within the bounds of possibility that she and Kenneth should fall in love with each other? Certainly they were too distantly related for kinship to be a bar to a domance, and the fact that they never had met before coming to visit my mother and me made it all the more improbable that they could feel the force of blood ties.

Had I asked myself merely if it was probable that Kenneth would become her devoted lover, I should have replied without much hesitation that this very thing was most likely to happen. But what of Virginia? What would she think of Kenneth?

I tried to picture them as man and wife, but somehow I could not make the image seem real. Kenneth was not the type of man whom one might suppose would be chosen by a woman such as Virginia. He was too civilized, too metropolitan. The man for this virile Southerner ought to be such a man as Richard Coeur de Leon or William the Conqueror—a great, massive man who dominated everyone with whom he came in contact.

But I knew that women always choose a different kind of man from the one who seems most suited for her.

(To be continued).

What to Use and Avoid On Faces That Perspire

Skin, to be healthy, must breathe. It also must perspire—must expel, through the pores, its share of the body's waste material. Certain creams and powders clog the pores, interfering both with elimination and breathing, especially during the heated period. If more women understood this, there would be fewer self-ruined complexions. If they would use ordinary mercolized wax they would have healthy complexions. This remarkable substance actually absorbs a bad skin, also unclogging the pores. Result: The fresher, younger under-skin is permitted to breathe and to show itself. The exquisite new complexion gradually peeps out, one free from any appearance of artificiality. Obtain an ounce of mercolized wax from your druggist and try it. Apply nightly like cold cream for a week or two, washing it off mornings.

To remove wrinkles, there's a marvelously effective treatment, which also acts naturally and harmlessly: Dissolve an ounce of powdered saxolite in a half pint witch hazel and use as a wash lotion.

TAFFETA COAT FOR AFTERNOON WEAR.

Many stunning afternoon coats are offered in taffeta silk, in many instances the fabric and line of the garment contributing entirely to the smartness of the model. Little or no trimming is evident in most cases. Illustrated is a coat of navy taffeta featured with convertible collar and roll cuffs. The fullness is confined at the waistline with a belt of self-material. Silk stitching in matching color affords an appropriate and necessary finishing detail. A flower trimmed taffeta hat is becomingly worn.

SWEET PICKLES AND DILL PICKLES

Use Only Porcelain or Enamel Kettles and Silver or Wooden Mixing Spoons.

Dill pickles—To make brine boil two gallons of water and one pound of coarse salt. Select medium-sized cucumbers, wash and wipe carefully. Have ready a stone crock that will hold at least three gallons, and place alternately a layer of cucumbers and one of grape leaves with a bunch of dill on the stalk until the crock is full. Cover top with cabbage leaves, and on the very top put a large plate and add a clean stone as a heavy weight. Fill up with brine and let stand. The cucumbers will be ready for use in two weeks.

Sweet Pickle.

Let cucumbers stand in salt brine three days. Rinse well. Put in a cheesecloth bag one half teacupfull of whole English mustard seed, two tablespoonfuls each of whole allspice, cloves, and black pepper, one-half teacupful cinnamon sticks and boil with a little vinegar. Measure sufficient vinegar to cover the cucumbers well. Add a pound of brown sugar, scald and pour over pickles, repeating for five consecutive days. Before sealing pour a little molasses over pickles.

Cucumber Pickle

Allow one pint of salt to 100 pickles. Pour boiling water over pickles and let stand twenty-four hours. Pour off water, add the salt and cover again with boiling water. Let stand another day, then pour off the water and cover with ice water for two hours or until plump. Put a generous piece of ice in the water to keep it cold. Boil sufficient vinegar to cover the pickles, adding mixed spices. Drain pickles, place in bottles or jars, cover with the vinegar preparation and seal.

Use only proclain or enamel kettles, and silver or wooden mixing spoons.

Mrs. Darley Livingston, the young American wife of a British officer and who acted as a British representative at the recent Anglo-German conference at The Hague, is the first woman to have been engaged in diplomatic negotiations in behalf of Great Britain.

Told In Twilight

(Continued from page 7.)

Miss L. Fowler, Kingston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. White, Brockville.

Mrs. M. Hill and daughter, Mildred, Hamilton, are guests of Mrs. H. Teepell, Kingston.

Miss Hazel Brown, Kingston, is visiting Miss Irene Dickson, Ottawa.

Miss Phelan, a guest of the Rev. Superior of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, Brockville, returned to Kingston.

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Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will spend a few days at "Fulford Place," Brockville, guests of Mrs. G. T. Fulford.

Sir Joseph and Lady Pope are returning from Little Metis on Monday.

Mrs. Adam Shortt is expected next week from Victoria, B.C., where she has been with her husband for the past few weeks. Dr. Shortt will not return just yet.

Master William Hurley, of the Sacred Heart Convent, Watertown, N.Y., is spending his holidays at his home on Wolfe Island.

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Princess Patricia has appointed Miss Dorothy Yorke to be her lady-in-waiting. The Hon. Lady Egerton, formerly honorary lady-in-waiting to the late Duchess of Connaught, will now fill the same office for the Princess Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, Peterboro, announce the marriage of their daughter, Annie Elizabeth, to Robert Campbell Butler on August 1st at Kingston.

Miss Mildred Brown, New York, is visiting the Misses Chadwick, 217 Division street, for a few days.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Kingston, Ont., announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Nellie Pearl, to Roy, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schamehorn, Roblin, Ont., the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Peters announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Verena, to Robert Marshall, son of Mrs. John Marshall, Belfast, Ireland, the wedding to take place early in September.

THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

The cotton factories in Japan employ over 125,000 women.

Queen Mary of England recently made a visit to the war front.

Women employed in journalism in Japan receive from $10 to $25 a month.

Mrs. P. G. McEvoy is known as the Apple Queen of Illinois.

Nearly all of the pulpits of England are now occupied by woman ministers.

Over 31,000 women are employed in amusements and hotels in Great Britain.

Mrs. C. C. Bradford has been elected president of the National Educational association.

Mrs. Tracy Fielding Story of Groton, Ct., can trace her ancestry back to Chief Uncas.

Mrs. Ad. Topprwein has defeated all of her sex and many male shots for target honor.

Some female munition workers in Great Britain make as high as 350 cigarettes a week.

Japan has very few female doctors with the best one earning as high as $3,000 a year.

The municipal councils in Berlin and other large German cities now include women among their members.

The killing of male heirs in the war has made it imperative that many women in England be made peeresses.

A Kansas City woman is the patentee of a rocking chair in the arms and seat of which are boxes to hold sewing material.

Men's place for women who labor during the war is the demand of the women's great organizations throughout the country.

Miss Ruth Russell has been appointed a clerk in the classification office of the Pennsylvania railroad at Northumberland, Pa.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad is replacing its men guards at crossings with women, who will work six hours a day.

Mrs. J. C. Moore is the richest farmer in Wyoming, where she makes a business of raising sheep. As high as 35,000 sheep have been sheared in one year on her ranch.

The most conservative bankers in the United States are paying their women employees the same salaries that they paid the men whose places the women now fill.

Miss Winnifred McLaughlin of Gorham, N.H., is the first New Hampshire woman to pass the bar examinations and be admitted to the practice of law in that state, under the new law.

Being ambitious to secure a high school education Miss Florence Moyer, of near Pottstown, Pa., walked three miles each day for three years and in that time never missed a session.

Empress Zita of Austria is said to be a friend of France and is bringing strong pressure to bear upon her husband to ask for separate peace between her country and the French republic.

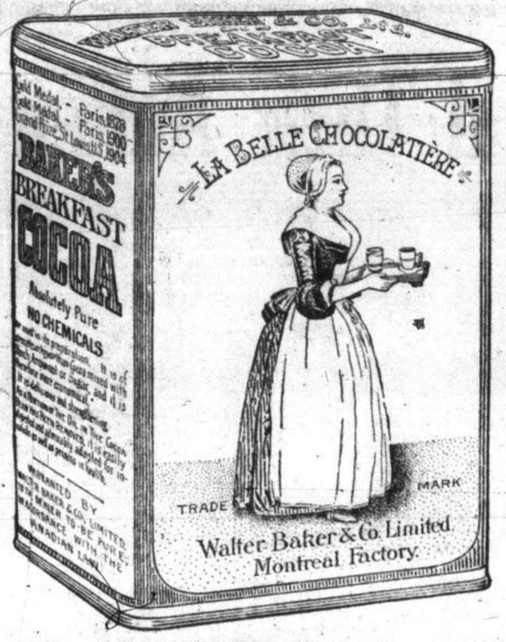
For the first time in the history of the Bellevue hospital in New York a woman, Dr. Kathrwn Dornon, performed a transfusion operation which was successful in saving the life of a woman patient.

Women workers for the government are asking that the eight-hour day order be rescinded so that they can make overtime pay in order to pay for the Liberty bonds for which they have already obligated themselves.

Under the department of agriculture's plan for enlisting a volunteer work army for the harvest season, women can be employed to feed and care for harvest hands, and to can and dry surplus perishable products.

A woman is claimed to be the wisest at the age of thirty.

Miss Orpha J. Moss, travelling passenger agent of the Chicago-Northwestern and Union Pacific lines, has an annual pass on twenty different railroads and covers the whole nation in her work.



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