

A LIFE'S DEVOTION

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He licked his lips, and if ever a man suffered the torture of the damned, Ebenezer Suggs did in that hour. Marion had snatched at his arm—she had dragged him towards her with a strength incredible. "Quick, give me an answer!" she demanded. "Was that the pistol that killed my father?"

"Yes," he said in a low voice, and turned his face away from her gaze. "Yes, that was the pistol that killed your father."

Her brain reeled. She flung away the hand she held as if it contaminated her. The foundations of her existence were tottering to their fall—the truth was out at last.

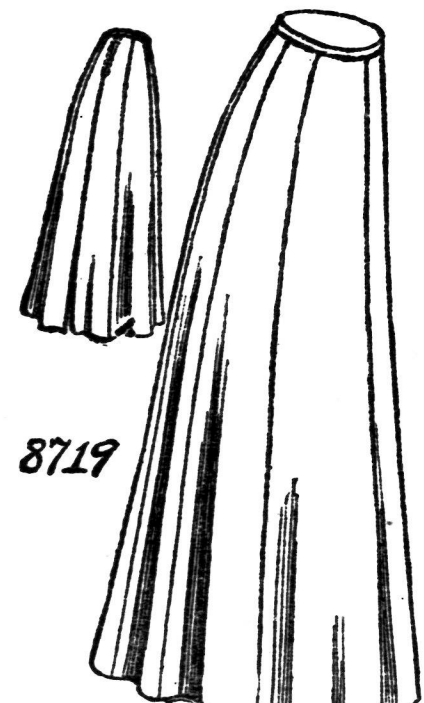
"Then"—her voice was dull and emotionless now, previously she had been conscious of a faint hope that he would deny the accusation vehemently—"then there is only one solution. You shot my father to win me!"

His tortured face frightened her; but it was fear of the guilt written there. Suddenly she changed her attitude—she became beseeching, agonized.

"God!—for God's sake tell me that you did not murder him!" she cried. "What is the use?" he said wearily, passing a trembling hand over his brow; "you would not believe me. Or if you did believe me—well, we won't carry that question further. If I said I was innocent you would doubt my word. You flung an accusation at me without the slightest warning; you never even allowed me the shadow of the doubt. In your eyes I am guilty, and all that remains to be said now is, what do you propose to do? What a fool he had been not to buy the pistol away in a safe place, to destroy it utterly, as he had destroyed that other piece of evidence. Then a sudden wave of real terror came over him. He had lost her love by his foolish action, he had acted impetuously, and probably the consequences would be hard to bear. Not that he cared much—without Marion's love life was a blank."

"Ah, there speaks the self-confessed man," she said coldly. "The first thought is not my sorrow, not my shame, but what shall I do? We must stand out in the clear light of human understanding as free from guilt! We must guard our precious reputation! We must never let the world dream that we are whitened sepulchres, hiding a knowledge of hideous sin under our plausible smiles! Oh, for God's sake forget your hypocrisy for one moment, and think of your voice!"

Her voice had risen into a crescendo of anger as she lashed herself with a whip of passionate disgust. "You ask me what I propose to do. I am your wife, and the bonds you have laid upon me must necessarily seal my lips. No, not from desire to shield you—you killed my father, and everything within me is crying aloud to high heaven for justice, for punishment. Blood for blood, an eye for an eye! A terrible law, but just—so just! A word from me, and the world knows your share in the matter. And yet—I dare not speak that word. For you are more than my husband—you are the father of my child. You would, to give me that boy knowing that the blood of a murderer is in his veins. I dare not tell the truth; it must remain locked up for ever in my own

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aching heart. They'd point the finger of scorn at that innocent child; they'd say that his father was a criminal—a man who had been hung to expiate a terrible crime, and through the years the child would be dogged down—dogged down. Oh, had you no thought of all this when your hand fired that fatal shot?

He made a step towards her, and his face, which had been pale and set, now showed a flush of color. "Then you will not tell the story to the world?" he asked.

The disgust and horror of her face were such as to astound him. Never had he imagined that a beautiful, loving woman could change so. Her face was the face of a basilisk, set and frozen, only her eyes glared at him coldly.

"Rest in peace," you will not hang—as you deserve. She fancied she heard a sigh of relief; it lashed her to still greater passion. "You coward!" she thundered, "you pitiful coward! No, I cannot denounce you; you took too good care to defend your line of retreat when you gave me that child. Ah, what a crafty schemer you are. Everything stands out so plainly now. I see it all. You shot my father because, with him alive, you could never hope to win me; you paid huge sums of money to someone—yes, I see you guilty start—to someone to keep silence. You bribed the authorities; that accounts for your constant cry of economy, and the retained counsel, the supreme effort could be kept them back. He understood that in her present half-mad condition any words of his would only be fuel to the flames of her anger, and he restrained himself, all his colossal will."

She regarded him stonily, and then her intention seemed to weaken. She threw out her hands imploringly—her face worked.

"Ebenezer, by the love you swore you had for me, tell me that I'm victim of a hideous nightmare. Tell me that I never found a pistol—that my brain is giving way under the strain. Tell me that you know nothing—nothing about my father's death. Convince me that you're innocent! See, I want to believe you!"

"I am innocent," he said in a low voice. She flung herself on her knees at his side; she laid her hands on his.

"Swear to God that you know nothing of my father's death," she said.

He looked at her. She felt his hands grow rigid, his whole stature seemed to dilate.

"I cannot swear that," he said softly. "God help us all!"

She was on her feet again, defiant, angry as ever, with no trace remaining of that momentary softening.

"Then you are guilty?" he asked. "Were you innocent you would swear to it—but now, I can only believe the worst. I'm the wife of a murderer, the mother of a murderer's son. Oh, God! to think that I—I who have always kept the collar of my honor bright, should know this shame!"

"And now—"

"Now—let me think. My brain is reeling. I cannot see things as I ought. My honor is untarnished—yes, yes, my honor is still bright. And you? I might have known. I should have taken thought and remembered. You are not of our world, you cannot understand what the family honor means. Your only thought is to gain what you need, no matter how, and if it is necessary to trudge through filth mud to gain your object, you'll do it, so long as none of the mud sticks to you and defiles you in the sight of men. Common, vulgar, vile—I ought to have accepted the warnings. I ought to have known that my poor murdered father had right on his side when he warned me against you."

(To be continued.)

COOKING RECIPES

Creamed Cauliflower.

Cauliflower should be placed head down in well salted water for a while to remove insects; trim off outside leaves and a small piece of butter. Put on the fire and cook, stirring constantly until quite thick. Have a half-head of cabbage chopped fine, sprinkled with salt. Add to the dressing when cold two tablespoons of cream and pour over the cabbage.

Wheat Pop-Overs.

One and one-half cups entire-wheat flour, one-half cup white flour, one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful salt, one tablespoonful melted butter, three eggs, beaten separately. Beat batter well and bake in buttered stone-ware cups for 20 minutes in hot oven, then reduce the heat and bake 20 minutes more. They will rise to three or four times their height.

Asparagus Soup.

Wash a bunch of asparagus and put it on to boil gently three-quarters of an hour. Take out and cut off the tips and set aside. Press the stalks through a colander, and add one pint of rich milk or cream, one pint of the water in which the asparagus boiled, salt to taste, and one tablespoonful butter rubbed smooth in two of flour. Stir until it boils; add the tips and serve with squares of toast.

THE SUMMER COAT.

One of the striking features of the summer coat is its lining. Of soft foulard in some of the most attractive designs, it generally contributes to a striking whole. It is still in high favor; oyster grey and tan linen are delightfully heavy in the new basket weaves, while woollen materials are loose enough to afford comfort without an overburdening warmth.

The summer coat is ornamented with a marine collar or with long revers that cross and button quite far down. Metal and tortoiseshell buttons are used on the summer coat and huge pockets are not lacking.

Keep in mind these points when planning this very necessary article in your summer outfit.

DAILY MENU

BREAKFAST.
Stewed Rhubarb.
Barley Muffins, Toast.
Omelet.DINNER.
Cream of Celery Soup.
Stuffed and Baked Heart.
Mashed Potatoes. Tomato Jelly.
Oranges. Dates.TEA.
Creamed Ham. Brown Bread.
Stewed Plums.
Chocolate Cake. Tea.
Advice to the Caterer.

The menu given today provides for a hard worker, since there is a substantial dish at both breakfast and tea, and the benefit of its hot cooked cereal at tea makes a very pleasant change, and takes the place of meat or any other hot dish.

The beef should be washed, all membrane removed and parboiled in salt and water. Make a dressing of bread crumbs, utilizing the crusts by soaking in cold water, and squeezing out dry; add one teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of pepper, two teaspoonfuls of summer savory, and a tablespoonful of dripping. Fill the heart and bake one hour in a covered pan, basting with dripping and water, brown well.

The tomato jelly is made by boiling down one quart of canned tomatoes with one bay leaf, a pinch of salt, and dash of cayenne, and, if relished, a small amount of sugar. Strain and thicken with gelatine, previously dissolved in cold water—quantities given in gelatine package—unmold on lettuce leaves, and serve with mayonnaise.

PRACTICAL POINTERS
FOR CITY GARDENERSSome Seasonable Hints for the
Toilers in the City Yards.

The pansy, essentially an early spring flower, should, if you would enjoy the full benefit of its bloom, be sown as early as possible. Dealers are offering them now.

To obtain the best results from pansies, they should be planted in a moderately muddy spot in fairly rich soil.

Keep Them Blooming.

The blooming period of this flower may be greatly lengthened if the flowers are picked frequently, never allowing them to remain until they have gone to seed. If the bloom is kept picked, and the plants occasionally watered with liquid manure (water in which manure has been steeped), pansies may be made to produce a profusion of large bloom late into the summer.

Plant in August.

Pansies grown from seed planted in the spring are never a huge success. If seed is planted in August and the young plants protected during the winter by leaves or straw covering they will be in good condition for transplanting the following spring.

In districts where there are field mice, pansies grown in this manner will need a protecting frame, otherwise these pests will destroy them during the winter.

The dealers are now offering an excellent choice of perennial roots. Perennial Lettuce borders should be laid out without further delay if you would get the full benefit of them this season.

Gladioli Now.

Gladioli should be planted early in May. Place the bulbs well down in the earth, so that there will be ample support for the plants throughout the season.

Throughout the growing season the surface of the earth between the rows and around the plants should be kept loose, not only that the air may get into it but that the moisture may also do so and remain there.

They Are Useful.

Don't go and destroy what will be of good service later on. Leaves piled in a corner and allowed to decay make leaf mold, one of the best fertilizers for flowers that it is possible to get. The small branches of trees that you are liable to burn up will serve to train your sweet peas on; there is nothing better than brush for this purpose.

A Brilliant Bed.

Poppies make a most gorgeous and showy bed. There are many varieties of poppy, both annual and perennial. Eschscholtzia (California poppy) and also Oriental poppies are among the most beautiful. Poppies are easily grown. They must, however, be sown where they are intended to grow, as they will not stand transplanting. Unfortunately their beauty is not lasting. If allowed to go to seed they are liable to become scattered all over the place and become a nuisance.

If you want the best results from poppies plant them five or six inches apart.

A Daily Thought

"They are such dear, familiar feet that go along the path with ours—feet fast or slow
And trying to keep pace—if they mistake,
Or tread upon some flower that we should take
Upon our breast, or blunder some
Or crush poor Hope, until it
bled."

We may be mute.
Not turning quickly to impute
Grave fault, for they and we
Have such a little way to go—
can have
Together such a little while
along the way—
We will be patient while we
may.

So many little faults we find!
We see them, for we blind
Is Love. We see them, but if
you and I
Perhaps remember them, some
by and bye,
They will not be
Faults then—grave faults—to
you and me.
But just odd ways—mistakes, or
even less—
Remembrances to bless.
Days change so many things—
yes, hours;
We see so differently in sun and
showers
Mistaken words tonight
May be so cherished by tomorrow's
light.
We may be patient; for we
know
There's such a little way to go."

IN WOMAN'S WORLD

Probably the most courted woman in America is Mrs. William B. Leede, widow of the multi-millionaire wire king. Many of the bankrupt nobles of Europe have asked for her hand, but she does not seem in any hurry to enter into a matrimonial alliance.

Subscriptions of over \$20,000 have already been contributed by the women of Brooklyn towards the erection of a handsome club house, which they propose to build in the near future. The women are now studying other club houses so as to get the very latest ideas.

Agriculture as a means of livelihood for women was discussed at the first convention of its kind held recently at Bryn Mawr College.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the public schools of Chicago, would shorten the school course, or at least would so modify it that a pupil can complete the course in seven years instead of eight, as at present. She would not have any less work for the women, but the more clever children to do it in less time.

Mrs. Barton Parnell, who has worked for over forty years in the Australian gold mines, has made fame for herself as an assayer. She discovered the secret of treating ore before roasting it, so that as much gold as brownstone could be obtained from it. Mrs. Parnell intends to found a college in England for women, whatever way the weathercock shows the direction from which the wind blows.

The New York Legislature has decreed that after July 1, 1911, the wearing of feathers of a bird, except those of a crow or other animal made un-

popular by his own misconduct, shall be unlawful. Mrs. Leede, wife of the governor to decide whether the fair sex will be deprived of their fine big hats with plumes.

Mrs. Seidel, wife of the new Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, claims that she did not help her husband's campaign except what she did in her own house. She does her own work and knows as much about the political situation as most men.

When an Austrian noblewoman obtains a divorce she usually agrees to pay her ex-husband alimony for the proper maintaining of himself and their children. Baroness Mathilde von Kienmasegg agreed to pay her husband a hundred dollars a month for life when she obtained a divorce from him.

Miss Mary Katherine Letterman has been selected by Mrs. Taft as her social secretary, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Mary Dandridge Spiers. The temperament of Mrs. Taft, whose exacting demands are somewhat complicated by her poor state of health, is given as the reason for the resignation of Miss Spiers.

The woman member of parliament in Finland is said to be carrying herself so well that there is no protest in any part of the country against her. The peasant woman takes her place and talks about the things in which she is interested, and the member elected from the working class of the city also has her place. These women can be consulted about the needs of their class, and the arrangement seems so good that it is likely to remain.

PLAYTIME
STORIES

THE VAIN WEATHERCOCK.

Have you ever seen a weathercock? I'll tell you what it is—a cock of tin that turns on a rod, placed on the very tip of the barn roofs or on church steeples. As the wind turns it about, whatever way the weathercock shows the direction from which the wind blows.

Once upon a time there was a weathercock on a church steeple in a small town; and for many years it had shown the townspeople whether the wind was in the north, south, east or west.

It became very vain. It thought that the most important thing in the world was to know the way the wind was blowing. And it also thought that nobody would know this if he wasn't there to tell them.

Now, after all these years of snow and rain, the cock and the rod had become very rusty; and one day it couldn't turn any more. For a few days it kept its head down, because the weathercock showed a southern wind.

When they found that the rain didn't come, and the wind wasn't in



the south at all, they sent a man up to see what was wrong; and he put up a new weathercock and took the old one down and threw it away. And nobody in all the world cared in the least.

ALL AROUND THE HOME

To remove mildew from white cotton cloth put a teaspoon of chloride of lime in a quart of water, strain twice, then dip the mildewed spots in this solution and lay in the sun. If not successful, try again.

A little kerosene on a soft, wet cloth removes all dirt and grease from painted kitchen walls and the gas range.

Boil lamp burners occasionally in soda water, soak the wicks in vinegar and dry well.

Use dry coffee grounds to stuff pin cushions. Needles and pins will never rust.

In washing light painted woodwork use a little whiting on the flannel cloth instead of soap.

A use for old chintilly lace, which is worn in holes, is this: Cut out the figures which are unworn and apply on chiffon to use for a trimming for gowns, or for entire gowns.

To keep outdoor brass from tarnishing, clean as usual, then rub it over with a soft cloth dipped in vasoline, and polish with dry cloth.

CHOOSING COLOR
TO DECORATE HALL

In choosing the color for a hall, the amount of light in it must be taken into account as well as the size. If it is bright and sunny, darker and richer effects may be used even if it is fairly small, but it must be remembered that dark colors absorb artificial, as well as natural, light. Choose a light warm, general tone and have all the rooms opening from the hall form an harmonious color-scheme.

When the woodwork is white, a grey landscape paper above the wainscoting and a plain grey-blue stair carpet and rug of oriental design in blues and browns will make a most charming hall. A mirror in a dull gold frame, with a small mahogany table and two mahogany chairs of colonial design, will probably be all the furniture it is possible to use. At the rear of the hall have a screen to conceal

the hat-tree or the hooks used for the coats, and also put the umbrella rack behind it.

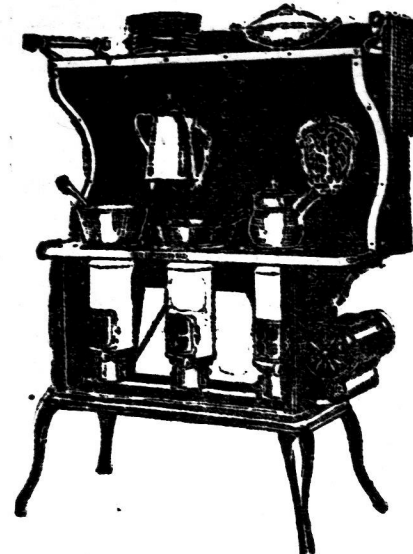
If the hall is so small that a table and chairs are out of the question, it is a good plan to have a chest instead. This can be made useful in many ways, and will serve as a table for the maid's card-tray and as a seat for the waiting messenger-boy. If the hall is too small for even a chest, then have a shelf and a small chair. It is too inopportune not to have a seat of some kind for the chance caller.

Look to Your Hotbed.

The sun will be coming out strong some of these days, so you had better have an eye on your hotbed, lest the young plants therein become scorched. Sprinkle the glass with whitewash (without salt). This will prevent scorching.

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