

WILL WED ANY MAN WHO GIVES \$1,000 TO MOTHER

Family Destitute, Mother
Needing Surgical Atten-
tion, Dorothy Miller, 18
Years Old, Will Make the
Sacrifice.

New York, March 24. — A pathetic letter reached the world, obviously written by a girl in deep distress. It read:

"Dear Editor—I have the best mother in the world, and she is so very sick she will die unless she is operated on. And after that she must go to the country."

"Now, we are New York people here in Trenton, N. J., without a cent in the world, and my dear mother is to be operated on on the 27th day of March, Easter Sunday, when all the world rejoices and is glad. The railroad situation has left us like this, and I have been thinking all day how we are going to do things."

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"I am considered a nice looking girl, five feet five inches tall, and weigh 135 pounds, fair complexion, and even now I am a good housekeeper. The only consideration I impose are that the man I marry must be white, refined, of respectable parentage, high ideals and able to be independent as to salary."

"Do not think this is more than my mother would do for me, Mr. Editor, for every mother has done this and more for her children. Will you please let me know how much the ad costs? And do hurry, please, as my time is short and my mother must get well, for we really cannot live without her. I shall be awaiting an answer."

Have Seen "Better Days."

The letter was signed "Dorothy Miller, 632 East State street, Trenton." A reporter journeying to that address found the house in the middle of a dingy row. The door was opened by a straight, blonde girl, who restrained with difficulty a vociferous bulldog. She smiled when the errand was explained, and led the way inside. "I am Dorothy," she said.

The carpetless family living room, if the right truth must be told, did not sustain the youngster's boast that she is yet a very good housekeeper. The apologies, however, were graceful, and the visitor was introduced to the mother, for whom the sacrifice was offered. Mrs. Miller proved to be an intelligent, witty, well-educated woman. She was evidently quite ill.

Dorothy had already told the story of her letter, though the mother said she had not heard of it until after it was posted.

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The other evening I looked out at the sunset and saw a little house with gardens in the clouds. To make fun for the family, I said: "There, I know the money is coming, for I see my country house in the sunset." Then Dorothy told me of her letter. She began to cry softly. "I am rich in love, anyway," she said.

The plight of the family at this time is due to the retrenchment policy of the Pennsylvania Railroad, according to Mrs. Miller. John Miller lost his job a few weeks ago, she said.

Mrs. Miller boasted that her family was one of the oldest in Brooklyn, and had given many officials to the city, including a president of the Board of Education. She herself once taught in the public schools, she said, and her father was wealthy. She refused to give her maiden name, saying that she would not want friends of other days to know the pass to which her fortunes have come. When asked if she could not get assistance from some public hospital, she sat up straight and angry.

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"I have never accepted charity," she said, "and I'd rather die right here than such a thing should happen."

Some spirit of adventure, however, seemed to make her willing for Dorothy to go on with her quixotic experiment. I don't think anybody but a high-minded gentleman would respond to such an appeal," she said.

Mrs. Miller talked light-heartedly of her reduced economic status. "Dorothy has had almost no companionship," she said, "for I always said if she couldn't associate with her equals she'd better be alone. One girl in this neighborhood who has tried to make friends with her must certainly have descended from a long line of illustrious chimney sweeps. Do you read Dickens? We like him in this house. They call me Micawber because I am always waiting for something to turn up."

"If we don't get the money I shall have the operation in the front room upstairs. I have a surgeon in whom I have every confidence. He tells me I can pay him any time, but of course I'd like to do it at once. There will be a lot of things needed and I'm sure I don't know where they are coming from."

At this point Dorothy, who had been laughing merrily at her mother's description of the family poverty, began to cry. "My mother must get well," she said. "There would be no use in trying to live without her."

"How did you happen to think of your plan of helping?" Dorothy was asked by way of changing the subject.

"I just thought," said she, brightening. "That all I needed was publication. My mother certainly deserves the money, and there are plenty of kind people in the world. Don't worry about my not going through with my part of the bargain. I would love any one who would help my mother. You print the story, and I will marry the man."

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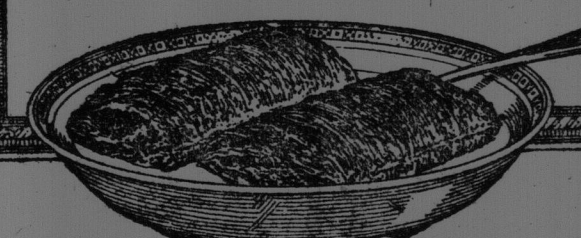
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