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Col. John Jacob Astor, the American millionaire, and his fiancee, Madeline Force. The discrepancy in their ages has caused the alliance to be denounced from pulpits.

THE SEVENTH NOON

BY FREDERICK ORIN BARTLETT,
Author of "The Web of the Golden Spider."

The boy hesitated a moment, a bit confused, then blurted out:

"I'm going to take up some sort of work. Perhaps you can help me get after something. We have loads of money, you know. I don't think much of giving it out as cash—the charity idea. I've a hunch that I'd like to study law and then give my services free to the poor devils who need a man to look after their interests. They are darned small interests to men who are only after their fee, but they are big to the poor devils themselves. And generally they get done. Do you think I have it in me to study law?"

"You have it in you to study law with that idea back of you. You'd make a great lawyer with that idea."

"Do you think so?" asked the boy eagerly.

"I know it."

"Then perhaps—perhaps—say, would you be willing to take me in with you?" Donaldson moved uneasily.

"It sounds sort of kiddish, but I know that I'd do better alongside of you. I'd help you around the office. I'd feel better just to see you. Anyway, would you be willing to try me for a while until I sort of get my bearings?"

"I like the idea," answered Donaldson. "Let's talk it over later. You see, there's a chance that I may give up law."

"Give it up?"

"I may have to leave this part of the country—for good."

"Why, man," burst out Arsdale, "you wouldn't leave Elaine?"

The silence grew ominous. The fighting spirit rose in Arsdale at the suggestion.

"You wouldn't leave Elaine?" he demanded again, turning towards the form on the bed, which looked strangely huddled up.

"I must leave her with you," answered Donaldson unsteadily. The boy scarcely recognized the voice, but it roused him to a danger which he felt without understanding.

"Why, man, dear," he exclaimed, "what would I count to Elaine with you gone? Don't you know? Haven't you seen?"

They were the identical words Donaldson had used in trying to open Arsdale's eyes to another great truth. And Donaldson knew that if they cut half as deep into the boy as they now cut into him, they had left their mark. He found no answer as the boy's breath had come when they had stood before the open window.

Arsdale faltered for words.

"Why—why Elaine loves you!" he blurted out.

"Don't!"

So, too, the boy had exclaimed.

"Don't you know I thought you knew everything, Donaldson? I don't see how you help seeing that. But I suppose it's because you're so thoughtful of others that you can't see your own joys. But it's true, Donaldson. I don't suppose I ought to tell you about it, but man, she loves you. Give me your hand, Donaldson."

He found it in the dark, hot and dry.

"I want to tell you how glad I am. I suppose I must be a sort of father to her now, and I tell you that I wouldn't give her to another man in the world but you. You're the only one worthy of her."

He pressed the big hand.

"You're the only one man who can make her happy," he ran on. "You can give her some of the things she's been cheated out of. Why, when I was talking to her last night, her face looked like an angel's as I spoke of you. It is you who makes it easier for her to forget all the past—even—even the blow. I knew what it was when I came home—that you'd done even that for me—though she couldn't see it. You've blotted out of her mind every dark day in her life."

"That is something, isn't it?" asked Donaldson, almost pleadingly.

"Something? Something? It's everything. Don't you see now that you can't go away?"

"I see," he answered.

"Well, then, give me your hand again. Sort of trembly, isn't it? But I'll bet you sleep better the rest of the night. And don't you on your life let her know I told you. She's as proud as the devil. But she would have done the same for me. They say love is blind," he laughed excitedly, "but, Holy Smoke, this is the worst case of it I ever saw."

Donaldson lay passive.

"Now," concluded Arsdale, "I'll go back and see if I can sleep. Good-night."

Donaldson again lay flat on his back, after Arsdale had gone. So he lay, not sleeping, merely enduring, until, almost imperceptibly at first, the dark about him began to dissolve. Then he rose, partly dressed, and sitting by the open window, watched the east as the dawn stole in upon the sleeping city. It came to the attack upon the grim alleys, the shadows around buildings, the stealthy figures, like a royal host. A few grey outriders reconnoitred over the horizon line, and sent scurrying to their hovels those who looked up at them from shifty eyes. Then came a vanguard in brighter colors, with crimson pennants, who attacked the fields and broad thoroughfares; then the King's Own, in scarlet jackets and wide sweeping banners, bronze tinted, who charged the smaller streets and factory roofs, and finally the brave array of all the dazzling host itself, who hurled their golden, sun-tipped lances into every nook and cranny, awaking to life all save those whose souls were dark within.

In watching it Donaldson found the first relief in the long night. His own mind cleared with the dawn. The day broke so clean and fresh, so bathed in morning dew, that once again his mind, grown perhaps less active, clung in some last spasm to the present as when he had sat with Elaine at breakfast, part of the little Dutch picture. Without reasoning into the tomorrow, he felt as though this day belonged to him. As the sun rose higher and stronger, enveloping the world in its catholic rays, the night seemed only an evil dream. He was both stronger and weaker. He was swept on, unresisting, by the high flood of the new day. This world now before his eyes acknowledged nothing of his agony, but came motherlike to ease his fretting. She would have nothing of the heavy tossings inspired by her sinister sister, the Night. She was all for clean, glad spirits—all for new hopes. So he who had first frowned at it, who had then watched passivey, now rose to its call.

He was entitled to this day, sang the tempter day—one big day out of all his life. The crisis would be no more acute upon the morrow, and he might be stronger to meet it. This day was his and hers, and even the boy's. To accept it would be to shirk nothing; it would be only to postpone—to weave into the sombre grave vestments he was making for himself one golden thread. Arsdale's talk had removed the last vestige of hope. The worst had happened. Surely one gay interlude could add no burden. A day was always a day, and joys once lived could never be lost. Always in her life, and in his this would remain, and since he had shouldered the other days as they had come to him, it seemed no more than right that he should take his. Not to do so would be but sorry, self-imposed martyrdom.

Arsdale came in, still in his bathrobe, with brisk step and with face a-beaming.

"Well," he demanded, "how do you feel now?"

"Better," answered Donaldson, unhesitatingly.

"Better! You ought to feel great! Look at the sun out there! Smell the air! Have you had your tub?"

"Not yet," smiled Donaldson.

Arsdale led the way to the shower, and a few minutes later Donaldson felt his skin tingle to new life beneath the cold spray.

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Then kissed her lips—and fled.

Death came to her in sombre robes;
He lingered—she was not afraid.
She took his hand and smiled on him;
He kissed her lips—and stayed.

Correspondence

Edited by Cynthia Grey

Dear Miss Grey,—What will remove cylinder oil stains from white duck after it has been washed?

SARA G.

A.—Try a mixture made with one pint benzine, one drachm ether, ten drops oil of bergamot, and half ounce chloroform. Rub the spots with this preparation, using a clean white cotton cloth. Be very careful about fire, as this fluid is explosive.

Embroidered Flounces.

Dear Miss Grey,—1. Are embroidered flounces on white dresses popular this summer? 2. What polish is best to use on black kid slippers? 3. In using peroxide for tan, should it be undiluted?

ELEANOR S.

A.—1. Yes. 2. The old-fashioned polish, which is brightened with a brush. If the kid is dull, use plain sweet oil and rub dry with a cloth. 3. Peroxide is very drying to the skin, and I doubt if it will remove tan. Lemon juice is the best remedy, but time is the only cure.

Name for Club.

Dear Miss Grey,—Please give a name for a sewing club of girls. We call ourselves the "Junior Sewing Club," but are not satisfied with it.

MISS F. L.

A.—The Busy Bees? The Sewers?

To Whiten Arms.

Dear Miss Grey,—1. What will whiten neck and arms? 2. Give recipe for dry shampoo. 3. Is peroxide good for the teeth? 4. How can I wash my ribbons so that they will keep stiff?

YOUNG READER.

A.—1. Lemon juice will act as a bleach. 2. Use warm cornmeal, perfumed with a little orris root, sprinkled through the hair. Brush out thoroughly with clean and moderately stiff brush. 3. It is used as a mouth wash, and competent dentists say there is nothing better. 4. After washing, rinse in alcohol and iron dry, with newspaper between ribbon and iron. Do not have ribbon near the blaze, as alcohol is inflammable.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THRIFTY HOUSEWIVES

To remove dust from silk skirts do not use a brush, but wipe them with a piece of velveteen, which will not wear the silk, and will remove the dust better than a brush.

Banana, pulped and seasoned with lemon, is a tasty filling for a brown bread sandwich. For the luncheon or the 5 o'clock tea they will be found delicious.

Rose extract is always reserved for sweets of pink or white tint, almond for white, orange for yellow and lemon for white or green, and pistachio, of course, for green.

When making lemonade one of the lemons may be peeled and run through a meat chopper with a small piece of the peel. This will give the lemonade a delightfully piquant flavor.

Instead of nailing the outer cloth on the ironing board with common tacks use thumb tacks. They are very convenient in changing the covering, are perfectly smooth and look much neater.

Ivory knife handles that have become yellowed by constant washing may be whitened by a good rubbing with emery paper and then polishing with chamois.

A good way to bleach linen or lace is to put it into a bowl of soapy water and set it out in the strong sunlight. If it be exposed to dirt and dust, place a glass over the bowl.

An asbestos mat under the bread pan will help the bread to rise on a cold night, as it will prevent the bottom being chilled. The ordinary stove mat may be used.

A back rest for an invalid, which will be found comfortable for one confined to bed, is made of a wide board, well padded, and slipped into a cretonne pillow case.

Pieces of rubber sponge in a mop handle will be found excellent for taking up dust, lint, etc., from hardwood floors or from rugs. They may be used dry or moistened.

A safe paint cleaner is as follows: Two quarts of hot water, two tablespoonfuls of turpentine and one pint of skimmed milk, with soap enough to make a weak suds.

DO YOU DO THIS?

A recipe shower is a novel and pleasant attention that may be shown a prospective bride. The best recipes that can be collected should be written or pasted in a book previous to the affair, or each guest may come prepared with two or three of her favorite recipes, and the book arranged by all of the girls present.

While it is always best to send soiled gloves to the cleaners, if one wishes to clean white gloves quickly and effectively, it can be done in this simple manner: Have ready a basin of cold water, two soft towels or cloths, and a piece of good white soap. Put one glove on the hand. Dip the corner of one of the towels in water, rub on the soap, and then with this rub a small portion of the glove to be cleaned. Immediately and quickly rub off the soap with the dry towel. Only attempt to clean a small portion of the glove at a time, or the soap and dirt will run before you can dry the glove. Be careful always to dampen a fresh part of the towel before beginning the cleaning of any portion. A sponge will do the work very effectively, one spongeful of suds being enough to clean an entire glove. Be sure to rub dry.

Potatoes may be baked just as effectively and with much less heat and waste of gas on top of the stove than in the oven. Put an asbestos burner over the blaze, and lay the potatoes on this, covering them with an iron skillet or heavy pan. Turn them over in fifteen or twenty minutes. They will be nicely done in a half hour or forty minutes.

The Daily Menu . . .

BREAKFAST.
Dates.
Cereal. Cream.
Scrambled Eggs.
Toast. Marmalade.
Coffee.

LUNCHEON.
Chicken Croquettes.
Stuffed Tomatoes.
Baked Apples.
Tea.

DINNER.
Clear Soup.
Lamb Chops.
Potatoes. Peas.
Banana Trifle.
Cafe Noir.

Banana Trifle — Mix one heaping tablespoonful of cornstarch with four tablespoonfuls cold milk and add one cupful boiling milk. Put in a double boiler; add one tablespoonful sugar and stir till it cooks ten minutes. Stir in yolks of two eggs, a few drops of banana extract, a few drops of lemon extract and heat up without boiling. Peel and slice three ripe bananas into a glass dish; sprinkle over with a little sugar. Pour over the prepared custard and allow to get cold. Decorate with almonds and cherries.

GRAPE RECIPES

Grape Cobbler.

Grape cobbler properly made is a dish for the gods. Very ripe black grapes are best for it. Wash them twice, on the bunches and after picking. Line a deep pie plate with a half-inch crust and put in the grapes with all the sugar that will lie between them, heaping the fruit a little in the middle. Put on the top crust; cut cross slits in the middle, and fold back the corners to leave an open square. Set the dish in a quick oven, and while the pie bakes make a sauce, using a quarter of a pound of butter, half a pound of sugar and one tablespoonful of boiling water. Stir well over hot water, and flavor with lemon juice, claret or grated nutmeg, according to taste. When the pie is nearly done take it out, pour in the sauce through the opening in the crust, and return it to the oven. Do not overbake it, but keep it hot until ready to serve.

Grape Jelly.

For this use ripe Concord, Isabella or Clinton grapes. They should be freshly picked with the bloom on. Put the grapes into a stone jar. Stand it in a kettle of cold water, cover and heat slowly until the fruit is soft. Now put a small quantity at a time into a jelly-bag and strain. Measure, and to each pint allow two cupfuls of granulated sugar. Pour the juice into a porcelain-lined kettle and stand over a brisk fire. Put the sugar into earthen dishes and stand in the oven to heat. Boil the juice rapidly and continuously for twenty minutes; then turn in the sugar, hastily stirring all the while until the sugar is dissolved. As soon as it comes to a boil take from the fire and fill tumblers that have been quickly dipped in hot water. If the fruit is overripe it will never jelly, no matter how long you boil it.

Grape Juice Parfait.

Beat one cupful of whipping cream, one gill of grape juice, and the strained juice of one lemon until thick to the bottom of the bowl. Cook a cupful of sugar in three tablespoonfuls of water at the thread stage; then pour in a fine stream on to the whites of two eggs beaten until foamy. Beat until cold and light; then fold the cream mixture into the meringue. Turn the mixture at once into the ice-cream cylinder and let it stand undisturbed one hour or more.

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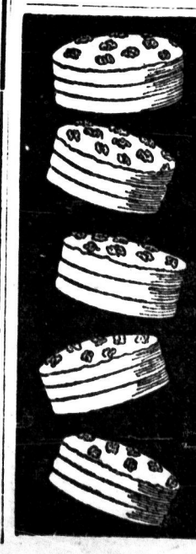

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