

POOR COPY

WHAT CAN SHE DO?

By E. P. Roe.

CHAPTER I.

(Continued.)

And yet, take it altogether, each one was in higher spirits than usual, and Zell and Edith in a state of positive delight. They had received costly gifts that specially gratified their peculiar tastes, and these, with the promise of a grand party, a trip to Europe, youthful buoyancy and champagne, so dilated their feminine souls, that Mrs. Allen's fears of an explosion of some kind were scarcely groundless. They dragged their stately sister Laura, now unwontedly bland and affable, to the piano, and called for the quickest and most brilliant of waltzes, and a moment later the figures flowed away into the rhythm of motion, that from their exuberance of feeling, was as fantastic as it was graceful.

Mr. Allen assisted his wife to her room and soon left her in an unusually contented frame of mind to develop strategy for the coming party. Mrs. Allen's nerves utterly incapacitated her for the care of her household, attendance upon church and such humdrum matters, but in view of a great occasion like a "grand crush ball" where among the luminaries of fashion she could become the refulgent centre of a constellation which her fair daughter would make around her, her spirit rose to the emergency. When it came to dress and dressmakers and all the complications of the campaign now opening, notwithstanding her nerves, she could be quite Napoleonic.

Her husband retired to the library, lighted a choice Havana, skimmed his evening papers, and then as usual, went to his club.

This, as a general thing, was the extent of the library's literary uses. The best authors in gold and Russia smiled down from the black walnut shelves, but the books were present rather as furniture than from any intrinsic value in themselves to the family. They were given prominence on the same principle that Mrs. Allen sought to give a certain tone to her entertainments by inviting many literary and scientific men. She might be unable to appreciate the works of the savans, but as they appreciated the labours of her masterly French cook, many compromised the matter by eating the petit soupers, and shrugging their shoulders over the entertainers.

And yet the Allens were anything but vulgar upstarts. Both husband and wife were descended from old and wealthy New York families. They had all the polish which life-long association with the fashionable world bestows. What was more, they were highly intelligent, and in their own sphere, gifted people. Mr. Allen was a leader in business, in one of the chief commercial centres, and to lead in legitimate business in our day requires as much ability, indeed we may say genius, as to lead in any other department of life. He would have shown no more ignorance in the study, studio, and laboratory, than their occupants would have shown in the counting room. That to which he devoted his energies he had become master in. It is true he had narrowed down his life to little else than business. He had never acquired a taste for art and literature, nor had he given himself time for broad culture. But we meet narrow artists, narrow clergymen, narrow scientists just as truly. If you do not get on their hobby, and ride with them, they seem disposed to ride over you. Indeed, in our brief life with its fierce competitions, few other than what is known as "one idea" men have time to succeed. Even genius must drive with tremendous and concentrated energy, to distance competitors. Mr. Allen was quite as great in his department as any of the lions that his wife lured into her parlours were in theirs.

Mrs. Allen was also a leader in her own chosen sphere, or rather in the one to which she had been educated. Given a carte blanche in the way of expense, few could surpass her in producing a brilliant, dazzling entertainment. The coloring and decorations of her rooms would not be more rich, varied, or in better taste, than the diversity, and yet harmony of the people she would together by her adroit selections. She had studied society, and for it she lived, not to make it better, not to elevate its character, and to tone down its extravagances, but simply to shine in it, to be talked about and envied.

Both husband and wife had achieved no small success, and to succeed in such a city as New York in their chosen departments required a certain amount of genius. The savans had a general admiration for Mrs. Allen's style and taste, but found on the social exchange of her parlors, she had nothing to offer but fashion's smallest chit-chat. They had a certain respect for Mr. Allen's wealth and business power, but having discussed the news of the day, they passed on, and the people during the intervals of dancing, drifted into congenial schools and shoals, like fish in a shallow lake. Mr. and Mrs. Allen had a vague admiration for the learning of the scholars, and culture of the artists, but would infinitely prefer marrying their daughters to down-town merchant princes.

Take the world over, perhaps all classes of people are envied themselves quite as much as the are despised themselves.

But when the French cook appeared upon the scene, then was produced your democracy. Then was shown a phase of life into which all entered with a zest that proved the common tie of humanity.

CHAPTER III.

THREE MEN.

While Mrs. Allen was planning the social pyrotechnics that should dazzle the fashionable world, Edith and Zell were working off their exuberant spirits in the manner described in the last chapter, and which was as natural to their city-bred feet as a wild romp to a country girl.

The brilliant notes of the piano and the rustle of their silks had rendered them oblivious of the fact that the door-bell had rung twice, and that three gentlemen were peering curiously through the half open door. They were evidently at home as frequent and favored visitors, and had motioned the old colored waiter not to announce them, and he reluctantly obeyed.

For a moment they feasted their eyes on the scene as the two girls, with twining arms and many innovations on the regular step, whirled through the rooms, and then Zell's quick eye detected them.

Pouncing down upon the eldest gentleman of the party, she dragged him from his ambush, while the others also entered. One who was quite young approached the blushing, panting Edith with an almost boyish confidence of manner, as if assured of a welcome, while the remaining gentleman, who was verging toward middle age, quietly glided to the piano and gave his hand to Laura, who greeted him with cordiality scarcely to be expected from so stately a young lady.

The laws of affinity and selection had evidently been developed here, and as the reader must surmise, long previous acquaintance had led to the present easy and intimate relations.

"What do you mean," cried Zell, dragging under the gaslight her cavalier, who assumed much patience and fear, "by thus rudely and abruptly breaking in upon the retirement of three secluded females?"

"At their devotions," added the cynical voice of the gentleman at the piano, who was no other than Mr. Goulden, Laura's admirer.

Zell's attendant threw himself in the attitude of a supplicant and said deprecatingly:

"Nay, but we are astronomers."

"That's a fib and not a very white one either," she retorted, "I don't believe you ever look towards heaven for anything."

"What need of looking thither for heavenly bodies," he replied in a low, meaning tone, regarding with undisguised admiration her glowing cheeks. "Moreover I don't believe in telescopic distances," he continued, with a half-made motion to put his arm around her waist.

"Come," she said, pinning out of reach "remember I am no longer a child. I am seventeen to-day."

"Would that you might never be a day older in appearance and feelings."

"Are you willing to leave me so far behind?" she asked with some maliciousness.

"No, but you would make me a boy again. If old Ponce de Leon had a Miss Zell, he would soon have forsaken the swamps and alligators of Florida."

(To be Continued.)

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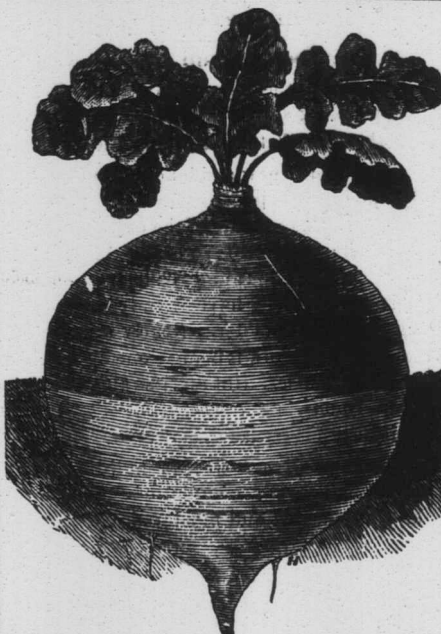
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ALFRED SEELY, Secretary.

St. John, N. B., July 12, 1884.

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SUMMER TIME TABLE.

All Trains are run by Eastern Standard Time, which is 36 minutes slower than St. John actual time.

COMMENCING MONDAY, June 2, 1884, Trains will run as follows:

St. John Division.

DEPARTURES.

7 25 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Mixed Accommodation for Fredericton.

6 30 A. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Boston Fast Express for points West and for St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Houlton, Woodstock, and all points North and South.

4 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Express for Fredericton.

8 30 P. M.—From Water Street, St. John—Night Express for points West, and for St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all points North and South.

1 00 P. M.—From Fredericton—Accommodation for St. John.

6 25 A. M.—From Fredericton—Passenger and Mail for MacAdam and points West, North and South, and for St. John.

4 30 P. M.—From Fredericton for St. John.

7 00 A. M.—From Gibson for Woodstock and points North.

ARRIVALS:

5 30 A. M.—At St. John—Fast Express Train from all points West, and from St. Stephen, Woodstock, Houlton, and all points North.

9 15 A. M.—At St. John, Water Street—Express from Fredericton.

4 30 P. M.—At St. John, Water Street—Express from points West, and from St. Stephen, St. Andrews, Woodstock, Houlton, Fredericton, and all points North and South.

8 00 P. M.—At St. John, Water Street—Mixed Accommodation for Fredericton.

10 30 P. M.—At Fredericton, from MacAdam and points West, North and South.

7 30 P. M.—At Fredericton—Accommodation from St. John.

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4 20 P. M.—At Gibson from Woodstock and points North.

Fullman Sleeping Cars on Night Trains, and Drawing Room Cars on Day Trains to and from Bangor, Bertha secured at ticket office, Water Street—G. A. FREEZE, agent.

No Train leaves St. John Saturday night or Sunday morning.

A train arrives at St. John from the West Sunday morning and a Train leaves for the West Sunday night.

Through connections are made from Boston on Sunday nights.

Connection is made at Vancouver with trains of the Maine Central Railway to and from all points West; at Fredericton, Junction for Freder