

The PURPLE MASK

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SECOND EPISODE

The Suspect.
"What's your hurry, my pretty one?" said Sphinx Kelly as the astonished Pat stopped in her wild rush from the Cafe Chat Noir.

For an instant Pat's faculties were stunned by surprise. But her brain worked quickly and her hand almost as quick. She dealt Sphinx a resounding slap in the face, and dodging around him, picked up her skirts and ran madly down the narrow street. Kelly was too surprised to move. His eyes followed the retreating girl, and then turning to enter the cafe, he glanced down at his feet to make sure of his step. There was a glint of reflected light, and stooping down, Kelly picked up the Van Nuys necklace where Pat had dropped it during her sudden exit.

The Sphinx pocketed the jewels and entered the cafe. In a moment he reappeared, and walked leisurely along the street in the direction Pat had taken in her flight.

Just ahead he saw a woman's form dart into the doorway of a dilapidated house. Kelly hastened along, and began an investigation. It was, indeed, Pat, whom he had noticed, but his search of every house in that section of the street failed to reveal the object of his quest.

Pat had made good her escape from the Sphinx. That knowledge pleased the old woman, and the money brought relief to her misery. And Pat, safely at home, gained great satisfaction in knowing she could be of service in rewarding the kindness shown to her.

When Kelly returned to his apartments at Des Ambassadeurs early in the morning his two assistants were waiting for him.

"I wish I had followed the butler from the garden myself, instead of losing sight of him to report," said one of Kelly's men.

"Yes, it is a shame—we had them caught right in the Van Nuys' grounds." Kelly stood for a moment, contemplating his companions in this disappointment. Then he drew the jewels from his pocket and said:

"We will go to the Van Nuys in the morning and give her what she

sent us after." Kelly's men were far more excited than was their chief, in the knowledge that the Sphinx had once more triumphed.

Pat had said nothing to her aunt about her adventure at the Cafe Chat Noir, and the girl was quite as much surprised as was Mr. Van Nuys when Kelly, and his two assistants, called the next forenoon to return the jewels.

"Mr. Kelly has lived up to his reputation, Pat," said Mrs. Van Nuys, radiantly happy in her good fortune. The Sphinx was modestly silent. His cold gaze swept Pat's beautiful face and marvelous form without any sign of the admiration the girl was so accustomed to creating.

It was Kelly's disinterestedness that piqued the beautiful girl. Kelly had a surprise in store for Pat when they were left alone for a moment while Mrs. Van Nuys went to her boudoir to draw a check with which to pay the Sphinx his promised reward.

"Last night, at the Cafe Chat Noir, I saw a girl who closely resembled you, Miss Montez—but, of course, it couldn't be you. The remark startled Pat, for she believed that she had escaped detection when Kelly had so suddenly confronted her.

"Oh, that's one of my weaknesses," Pat managed to stammer in reply. "I'm so ordinary that people are always telling me how much I remind them of other girls."

Pat was covered by the bedding in a poor family's dingy rooms when Kelly entered. To his questions the old lady who lived in the hovel made unintelligible answers. When Kelly tried to search the filthy quarters of the old woman arose in rebellion and drove him from the house.

Throwing the covers from the filthy bed, Pat emerged, when Kelly thanked the old hag for sheltering her in the emergency. Pat slipped a few pieces of silver into the old woman's hand.

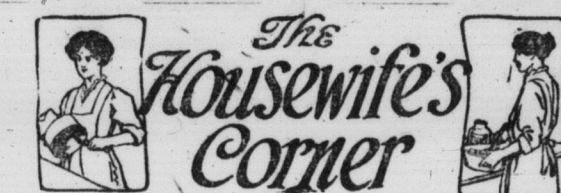
There was a taint of defiance in her tone. She gave the detective a searching look from her big blue eyes, and her dainty mouth curled in mild disdain as she responded to his quizzical remark.

"Well, I just thought I'd tell you while I had the opportunity," and the returning Mrs. Van Nuys terminated the conversation.

Hardly had Kelly left the Van Nuys' mansion when, with the suddenness of an unheralded storm, Mrs. Van Nuys was advised of a reverse in fortune that entirely upset her future plans. Like her pretty niece, Mrs. Van Nuys was charitably inclined and largely devoted the surplus of her fortune to charitable deeds. In these plans she was eagerly and heartily seconded by Pat, and when a messenger arrived with a letter that told of financial reverses, Mrs. Van Nuys was heart-broken.

The letter said that her investments with Jakobski & Co. had turned out badly; that her resources would thereafter be limited, although her principal fortune was not endangered. The shock, very naturally, upset Mrs. Van Nuys, and she hastily sent Pat's maid Fifi to summon her mistress.

Fifi found Pat in the gardens, and told her Mrs. Van Nuys would like to see her immediately. Hurrying into



The Housewife's Corner

Proper Food For The Children.

The growing child lacks the reserve power of the adult. The organs of digestion are delicate, and his vitality is insufficiently adapted to his needs. Because of the great activities of the child, he needs food that quickly produces heat, energy and muscular growth. The diet of an adult would be insufficient for a growing child.

Until the child is twelve years of age two pints of milk should be included in his daily diet. The milk may be used in soups, cocoas, custards, puddings and junkets. Well-cooked cereals play an important part in the daily menu. Barley, wheat and oatmeal are the most nutritious cereals; they contain the needed constituents for body-building.

Fresh bread should never be given to children. Aside from the chance to cause digestive disturbances, the action upon the teeth must be considered. Toasts, one-day old bread of whole wheat, graham or cereal are most desirable.

The mineral constituents of grain help in making both muscle and teeth. Fresh eggs, properly cooked, are a valuable addition to the child's diet. Fried food should not, under any circumstances, be considered in the child's allowance. Do not give meat to children under four years of age.

except on the advice of a physician. Greens and fresh vegetables, such as peas, asparagus and spinach, are aids to the child's health. Lettuce should be served with seasoning. Boil or bake potatoes or serve them in potato soup. Potatoes are necessary to the growing child.

Be sure all vegetables are thoroughly cooked. Under no circumstances allow the child to eat raw vegetables. The starchy cell-like structure called cellulose needs to be softened by thorough cooking before it can be assimilated.

Fish furnishes valuable nutrition. Care must be taken to remove all bones. Baking and broiling are the best methods of cooking fish. Puddings, custards, junkets and plain cakes, together with cooked fruit, make desirable and delicious desserts.

Fresh fruits and their juices are very desirable. Apples, raw, scraped, baked or made into sauces are good. Peaches, apricots and prunes must be cooked. Dates and raisins must have the seeds removed. Figs are commendable for use in the child's diet. The juice of an orange is valuable. Bananas have no place in the youngster's menu.

Preparing Spring Greens.
Here are a few methods of serving garden greens:
Boiled Lettuce.—Wash lettuce well to remove the sand, then trim carefully, discarding the blemished and darkened leaves. Tie up in a clean napkin or piece of cheesecloth. Cook in boiling water for twenty minutes. Drain and cover with a cream sauce. Sprinkle with a teaspoonful of grated cheese. Serve as a vegetable for lunch or dinner.

Radishes Colonial.—Wash and peel the radishes. Boil until tender, then drain and season with salt and paprika. Use one ounce of butter to each pint of radishes, one tablespoonful of fine bread crumbs and one tablespoonful of grated cheese. Shake in a saucepan until all are well coated. Serve hot.

Dandelion Salad.—Wash carefully and pick over a pint of dandelion greens. Mince fine and add an onion and three strips of bacon, cut in dice and browned. Then take one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, two tablespoonfuls of bacon fat, one tablespoonful of vinegar. Heat in saucepan and then pour over the salad. It may be garnished with thin slices of hard-boiled egg.

Comfort Bags.
For a soldier's comfort bag it is well to use khaki cloth to correspond with the uniform. The most important thing is the equipment. Soldiers do not want a lot of useless articles to remember you by, but there are a number of things they do need.

For instance if you wish to have your soldier write to you place a pocket in the bag filled with stamped envelopes, not loose stamps, as they stick together and are easily lost. Writing paper could be in the form of a pad or sheets could be slipped in each envelope so as to be ready for use when needed.

Soldiers need sewing kits, which can be purchased for ten cents each. The sewing kit may be a folder containing a thimble, needles, many black and white safety pins, buttons and other things of the kind. Of course these folders can be made at home. Safety matches, tooth brushes, washcloths, medicated cotton, bandages to be used for small scratches, darning cotton, darning needles, stomach bands knitted of gray wool, post cards, and lead pencils are good things for the comfort bag. Naturally individual needs and tastes will be consulted.

The bag may be 13 by 10 inches. The initials of the owner, and the number of his regiment may be outlined on the outside.

Economy is a Virtue.

To be exact is to be efficient. To dislike waste is to put oneself in harmony with God and nature. Your wasteful men and women are seldom liberal or generous. Under the guise of a free-handed disregard of values they are usually found to be, on close analysis, picaunish and close, while the economical man and woman, by conserving that which is entrusted to their stewardship, enjoy the pleasure and privilege of giving of their largess to charity, philanthropy, education and public progress.

Why So Important.
The care of the child's first teeth is important because the health of the permanent set is largely dependent upon that of the first set. The second teeth are much larger than the first and consequently need more room in the gum. For necessary development the jaws must be given plenty of exercise. Consequently the child should have a mixed diet, including some hard food which he cannot swallow without chewing. Toast, crusts, hard crackers, certain fruits, like apples, salad, vegetables and meats, should provide the food elements needed for healthy teeth if the child is thriving.



to the house, Pat found her aunt in the drawing room, greatly agitated, and containing the bad news. "Pat, dear, here is a piece of ill fortune. I'm afraid we must give up our charities, limit our entertaining and live entirely within our means. See this from Jakobski," said Mrs. Van Nuys, handing Pat the letter. "I am so sorry for you, auntie, dear," said Pat, all tenderness. "But as long as you have no need to worry about the principal, we will find some way to supply money for the charities."

Although the girl meant what she said, at the time she found her promise difficult to fulfill later on, Mrs. Van Nuys accepted her niece's loving condolences, and said she would try and plan some way to care for the future without giving up all the luxury they had been used to, and would see that in some manner, their charitable work was continued.

Alone in her own room, Pat took mental stock of her attainments and tried to devise some plan whereby she could assist her aunt in emergency. For a long time the girl reflected, turning over in her mind many different schemes.

A strange and unusual girl was Patricia Montez. Brilliantly educated, the pet of her social set in the gayest of Parisian life, she was, nevertheless, an enemy to all who knew her. Her pranks were many and well remembered. High spirited and always light-hearted, she had only one real purpose to which she was most devoted—and that was in furthering her aunt's charitable acts and assisting the needy whom she was constantly seeking out in the poorer districts of the brilliant capital.

To be deprived of the means to carry on her benevolent mission was a real shock to Patricia. The more she contemplated plans to relieve the situation the more she grew at sea. But constantly her mind reverted to her adventure of the evening previous; to Kelly, the Sphinx, and to the strange fascination the very act of stealing the jewels possessed.

Earnestly the girl pondered, her thoughts more and more concentrating upon an idea that had come to her the instant she learned of her aunt's misfortune. Pat's tender heart began to beguile her—into strange actions. Her desire to help the poor and needy was leading her into adventures she had never dreamed she would encounter.

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World.

The Home Secretary has announced his approval of licensing by the Police Commissioner of women to drive public carriages.

John Holmes, of Bradford, who died recently, left £1,000 to the National Government towards repayment of the National debt.

Captain the Hon. Eric F. P. Lubbock, a flight commander, who has been reported killed, is a brother of Lord Avebury.

C. R. Bicks, former bandmaster of the Liverpool Police Band, has been appointed captain in a recently formed labor battalion.

For the second time since its incorporation a dividend has been declared on the ordinary shares of the Manchester Ship Canal.

An Italian boot dealer at Lambeth, to show his appreciation of Great Britain's services, charges only the bare cost for boot repairs.

Sir John Jellicoe, accompanied by Lady Jellicoe, attended a musical service for soldiers and sailors at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

Admiral Sir Charles Madden is now second-in-command of the Grand Fleet and Sir William Pakenham is in command of the battle cruiser fleet.

Sir Alfred Keogh stated that it was a glory to the Royal Army Medical Corps that in the overseas armies there is no disease worth mentioning.

Tom Wing's motion in the House of Commons to restrict the sale of liquor to members the same as the general public was received with cheers.

Two well-dressed men, on the pretence of wishing to make purchases at a Sheffield jeweller's, bolted with a tray of diamonds valued at £1,000.

Among the articles placed in the lost department of the Liverpool Post Office during the past 12 months were 1,000 pairs of stockings and 100,000 cigarettes.

THE WAR KITTENS.

Amusement Which They Furnished the Officers of the Emden.

The officers of the famous German commerce raider Emden did not realize how much amusement a cat that found its way on board the vessel at Tsingtau was to provide for them during their long and adventurous voyages.

Not long after their momentous trip began the cat had a litter of kittens, whose adventures Lieut. Capt. von Manteuffel of the raider describes in his book, Emden. One day, he says, as I was lying in my hammock, I saw Lieut. Schall sleeping soundly upon his mattress directly under me, and just beside him on the same couch lay the old cat with all five kittens. After I had quickly awakened the sleeping officers near by, so that they, too, might enjoy the little domestic scene, some one roused Lieut. Schall. He, however, not fully sharing our pleasure, got up and hurried away.

After that the cats were the acknowledged property of the officers' mess, and we made a little kennel with accommodations for all of them and put it in the room in place of an old sofa. Thanks to the anxious care of the officers and their attendants, the kittens thrived. In a short time they had grown so that they were able to make excursions in the vicinity of their home. From then on the men could walk only with the greatest care, for the little animals were accustomed to swarm round the places where one was most likely to set his feet. Especial care was needed after dark, and because manoeuvres occurred almost nightly the kittens' quarters had to be locked as a protection for the inmates.

To tell them apart we put colored ribbons round their necks, and one day we had a christening ceremony. The captured steamships were selected as godparents, and immediately a little Pontoporus, a little Lovat-Indus, a Cabinga and a King Lud began to run round on the table. It was more difficult to name the fifth kitten, for it was different from the others. Its little scrawny body wabbling round on spindly legs was provided with an exceptionally large head with big, gleaming eyes. Some one suggested the name Diplomat, but we finally called it Little Idol.

Frequently we allowed the kittens to play in the sunshine on the cabin roof, and the officers who were off duty constituted themselves as a corps to guard the animals and see that they did not fall overboard.

In spite of our watchfulness, Little Idol played us a trick one day. At the noon meal hour he was missing, and a most diligent search failed to reveal his whereabouts. The officers of the "kitten watch" were positive that he had not fallen overboard, but still we could not find him. We were all very sorry, but at the evening rounds were relieved when some one discovered him in the storeroom for shells, sleeping quietly behind a box of ammunition. He had made his way into the room by a dangerous jump of about eighteen feet from the cabin through the ammunition hoist, and had landed safely. Several days later, however, he injured himself severely, and his career ended.

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Boston, Mass.—Victims of eye strain and other eye weaknesses, and those who wear glasses, will be glad to know that Doctors and Eye Specialists now agree there is real hope and help for them. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored and many who once wore glasses say they have thrown them away. One man says, after using it: "I was almost blind. Could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without my glasses, and my eyes do not hurt any more. At night they would pain dreadfully. Now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me. A lady who used it says: "The almost blind seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can read even fine print without glasses." Another who used it says: "I was bothered with eye strain caused by overworked, tired eyes which induced severe headaches. I have worn glasses for several years, both for distance and work, and without them I could not read my own name on the envelope or the typewriting on the machine before me. I can do both now, and have discarded my long distance glasses altogether. I can count the buttering leaves on the trees across the street now, which for several years have looked like a dim green blur to me. I cannot express my joy at what it has done for me."

It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time, and multitudes more so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting eye glasses.

Dr. Beck, an eye specialist of nearly twenty years practice, says: "A patient came to me who was suffering from Blepharitis Marginalis with all the concomitant symptoms, as morning aggravation of the lids, chronic conjunctivitis and epiphora. Her eyes when not congested had the dull, suffused expression common to such cases. I tried several remedies, but my friend suggested Bon-Opto. She used this treatment and not only overcame her distressing condition, but strange and amazing as it may seem, so strengthened her eyesight that she was able to dispense with her distance glasses and the contacts and neuraigias have since vanished. (Cross eyes) I have since verified the efficacy of this treatment in a number of cases and have seen the eyesight improve from 25 to 75 per cent in a remarkably short time. I can say it works more quickly than any other remedy I have prescribed for the eyes."

Dr. Smith, an oculist of wide experience, says: "I have treated in private practice a number of serious ophthalmic diseases, and in several days report ultimate recovery in both acute and chronic cases. Mr. B. came to my office suffering with an infected eye. The condition was so serious that an operation seemed almost imperative. Before resorting to the operative treatment I prescribed Bon-Opto and in 24 hours the secretion had lessened. Inflammatory symptoms began to subside, and in seven days the eye was cured and retained its normal vision. Another case of extreme conjunctivitis (cross eyes) escaped the surgeon's knife by the use of Bon-Opto. The patient's lightened external muscles yielded to the soothing and anodyne effects of Bon-Opto. After removal of foreign bodies and application of Bon-Opto to all burns and spots on the eyeball or the lids, the eye is cured. By cleansing the eye with Bon-Opto, the eye is cured as a tonic for the eyeball itself. The vision is rendered more acute, hence the number of cases of discarded glasses."

Dr. Conner says: "My eyes were in bad condition owing to the severe strain arising from protracted microscopical research work. Bon-Opto used according to directions rendered a surprising result. My eyes were remarkably strengthened, so much so I have put aside my glasses without discomfort. Several of my colleagues have also used it and we are agreed as to its results. In a few days, under my observation, the eyes of an astigmatic case were improved that glasses were discarded by the patient. I may be wonderfully benefited by the use of Bon-Opto and if you want to strengthen your eyes, go to any drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one Bon-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and let it dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start, and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes bother you every day, this is your duty to take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have saved their eyes had they cared for their eyes in time."

John A. Gey, optician, who, the above article was submitted, said: "Yes, Bon-Opto is a remarkable eye remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to all eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. I have used it very successfully in my own practice on patients whose eyes were strained through overwork or mist glasses. I can highly recommend it in case of weak, watering, itching, burning eyes, red lids, blurred vision, for eyes inflamed from exposure to smoke, sun, dust or wind. It is one of the very few eye remedies I feel should be kept on hand for regular use. It cures every ailment. It is an ethical preparation, the formula being printed on the packages. The instructions given to it strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances, or refer the matter. It is dispensed by all good druggists, including general stores; also by G. Tamblin and T. Eaton & Co., Toronto."