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His Name Was Preserved Fish

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PART III.

When he was twenty and the "Star" had announced that "Preserved Fish is growing a blond mustache," he fell in love. The object of his adoration was a large, twittery young lady who had recently come to town to keep books in the lawn-mower works. Preserved bought himself some lavender soap, had sundry boxes of candy charged against his frail salary in the drug store, and set about his courtship in an earnest and wholly orthodox manner. Apparently the large young lady did not suspect his intent until one evening, in the porch hammock, he delivered his carefully rehearsed proposal.

"Oh, why couldn't you?" There is nothing that makes a sensitive man feel worse than being rejected.

"Because of your name," she answered.

"I don't see what that's got to do with it," said Preserved, although he did see.

"I could never, never, never be Mrs. Preserved Fish," she replied. "I've always looked forward to the day when I could change my name. Everyone has always made jokes about mine. But I just won't, won't, won't change it to Mrs. Preserved Fish."

"Oh, Amy!" he groaned. "It's no use," she said firmly. "I'd rather stay Amy Hogg. That's bad enough. I want a man with a good plain name like Brown or Williams. No, Preserved, it cannot be."

He stumbled home and thought of drinking poison, but decided that there was still hope. He'd change his name. It wasn't the first time he had contemplated this step. More than once, galled to the limit of endurance by the "Pickled Eel" joke, he had been on the point of getting his name changed to "Montague."

But a vision came before his eyes. In this case, as in others. He remembered his mother's words, and saw heaps and heaps of yellow-backed bills. His! His, that is, if he remained Preserved Fish. He decided to remain so. Uncle P. Robinson couldn't live forever; and when he died, Preserved, his namesake, would be independently rich. He could snap his fingers at them all. He practiced snapping them as he made his way home from the verandah of Miss Hogg. He could go to New York and live at the Waldorf Astoria and no one would care what his name was so long as he spent freely. And he would spend freely, he promised himself and the world that. Yes, he would pay the price for that wealth by remaining Preserved until the legacy should be his. It was a big price, he thought, for any amount of money. In his dreams that night he saw piles of yellow bills as high as the five-story Clintonia Trust Company Building.

Uncle P. Robinson refused to expire. He stuck to life like a barnacle for five years more. Five years of notoriety and torment for Preserved. Amy Hogg married a pants drummer named Ignatius McGorty. Preserved sent them a plaster Kewpie for their parlor, and wept into the soda fountain's fresh strawberry syrup. The calcium continued to glare into his blue eyes. But he continued to draw trade into the store, and Old Man Keplar gave him a three-dollar raise and taught him to roll pills.

On Preserved Fish's twenty-sixth birthday his brother Galahad came into the drug store importantly, ordered and did not pay for a pineapple frappe, and remarked:

"Well, old sardine, Uncle P. Robinson isn't."

"Isn't what?" demanded Preserved. "Any more," replied Galahad. "You don't mean—" began Preserved, trembling with joy.

"Dead. Defunct. Demised. Passed away. Expired. Gone to the barn from which no traveler returneth," said Galahad. "Here's the telegram. Say, old can of shrimps, can you lend me five bucks?"

A week later, Preserved Fish, accompanied by his father and Galahad, who had generously taken a day off from the glass works to help count the money, stood in a lawyer's office and was handed the old walrus bag. His heart throbbed and his breath was unruly; his reward had come at last.

He fumbled at the lock and the bag popped open like the mouth of a crocodile. With excited eyes Preserved stared at the heaps and heaps of bills. "It'll run into five figures," gloated the venerable Mr. Fish.

A sharp, horrified oath from Galahad brought them back to their senses with a jerk.

"Gawd!" cried Galahad. "It's phoney!"

"Phoney?" Preserved's knee joints went weak; his head spun dizzily. "Phoney!" piped old Mr. Fish. "Look!"

Galahad plunged his hand into the bag and held aloft a sheaf of worn notes.

"Confederate money!" Preserved Fish folded up like a napkin and flopped, white-faced, into a chair.

About the House

A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEXION.

Millions of dollars are paid for cosmetics in a single year. That gives an idea of how much we crave beauty, the beauty that is skin deep. Our hearty country girls are just as earnest as their city sisters in their efforts to give nature a boost in this direction; and their brothers, too, show more than a passing interest. So it is evident that complexion is a matter of very special importance, and that the disfiguring skin disease known as acne, blotching the face with pimples and blackheads, means great mental distress, even though it does not very seriously impair one's physical powers.

Most young people who suffer with this complaint and are anxious to have it remedied spend too much time on the face and too little on the rest of the skin. They will massage the face for twenty minutes, but do not wish to give five to the covered parts. They must remember that the skin of the face will not respond kindly to treatment that ignores all the rest of the skin.

The very best complexion treatment is a cold or cool bath, once daily, preferably in the morning. This should be taken in a warm room and the water should be cool enough to get a brisk reaction, but there is nothing gained by extreme cold temperatures. Even more important than the bath is the brisk rub that should follow. It must be borne in mind that we are now prescribing for young people of vigorous habit, who desire a good complexion. Such treatment is not safe for the old and feeble; but to those able to bear it the effect is to quicken the circulation and to improve not only the skin but every organ in the body. Improvement will not come in a single week, but it will surely come to reward persistent effort.

The diet of young persons with acne should be rather abstemious, especially as to sweets and fats. All rich, fried, greasy, highly seasoned food should be shunned. They should eat freely of fruit, green vegetables and coarse breads, and should drink about half a gallon of water each day.

The face should be well washed at night with warm water and soap, and should have enough attention to be sure that all the excess oil of the unusually oily skin is removed.

DELECTABLE CORN DISHES.

Corn and tomatoes always make a tasty combination. This one is different:

Tomatoes stuffed with corn—Grate

"And I've been Preserved Fish for twenty-six years for this!" he groaned. "Here is a note your uncle left," said the lawyer. Weakly, Preserved Fish read it.

Dear Namesake:—I enclose my collection of Confederate money. It was my dearest possession. It took twenty years and no end of trouble to collect it. I hope you'll cherish it, as I do. Your aff. uncle,
P. (Preserved) Robinson.

"And I said it would run into five figures," bleated old Mr. Fish. "So it does," broke out Galahad. "All ciphers." He turned to his brother, who sat dazed and aghast. "Well," he observed cheerfully, "I guess it's back to soda-jerking, for Preserved Fish."

The bearer of that name sprang up and faced him with wild eyes.

"Don't you never call me that name again, Galley," he bellowed. "I suffered with it all these years to get this"—he gave the walrus bag a venomous kick—"and look what I get!"—he gave the bag another kick. "I've been a joke all my life—for Confederate money. But it's all over now. From this minute I ain't Preserved Fish any more."

He thumped out of the room, marched straight home, threw his lavender soap and zither into a bag, and took a train for Bucyrus, Ohio. Why he chose Bucyrus he could not have said. But it sounded remote and his old thought was to leave Clintonia and his old name behind him forever. On arriving at Bucyrus he picked a propitious-looking drug store, and addressed the owner.

"I'm an experienced soda dispenser and I'd like to get a job. I got twenty-five a week where I was."

"Well, I need a man," the owner admitted without enthusiasm. "I'll give you eighteen. What's your name?"

"John Fish."
"No need to shout; I ain't deaf, remarked the man in a bored, tired tone. "You'll find a white jacket under the counter where the mops is."
(To be continued.)

the corn from six ears and add to it half a green pepper chopped fine, also half a small onion, likewise chopped; melt a tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan and turn these vegetables into it and toss them about until the corn begins to brown slightly. Meantime scald, peel and scoop the centres from six medium sized tomatoes; fill with the corn mixture, scatter bread crumbs and bits of butter over the top and bake in a hot oven until the tomatoes are done.

Corn Oysters—This is a good supper dish for cool evenings or when something tasty and substantial is desired. It may be made from corn that is a little too old for boiling, and will be very nice. Grate the corn, and to a pint of pulp add two well-beaten eggs, a tablespoonful of melted butter, half a teaspoonful of salt, and enough flour to make a rather stiff batter, sifting one and a half teaspoonfuls of baking powder with the flour. A little milk may be added if desired. Drop from the end of a spoon into boiling fat and fry to a rich, nut brown. Drain well and serve hot. These fritters are truly delicious served with maple syrup, or plain sugar syrup, though usually regarded as a meat substitute.

Corn and Cheese Souffle—Here is another corn dish which may very acceptably take the place of meat. A large cupful of grated green corn is required for its making, also half a green pepper chopped fine and a cupful of grated cheese. Cook the pepper for five minutes in a generous tablespoonful of butter, then remove it and add two tablespoonfuls of flour to the butter and cook these to the bubbling point. Now pour in a cupful of rich milk and cook till smooth, stir in the corn, cheese and fried pepper and add a mere grating of onion. Cook for a few moments, then whip in two well-beaten egg yolks and season to suit the taste. Finally fold in the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff dry froth, pour into a buttered baking dish and cook in a moderate oven for half an hour, or until the souffle is firm in the centre. Serve immediately, for a dish of this sort will not bear waiting.

LOLLYPOP DOLLIES.

Some thing that will please the children without much expenditure of either time or money is what many mothers are considering for that approaching birthday or any other party, an occasion of thrilling importance to the youngsters.

Buy a quantity of lollipops and some gayly colored crepe paper, or use the odds and ends of such paper you may already have in the house. Cut circles of white or pink tinted paper the size of the candy and fasten it over the waxed paper in which each lollypop is wrapped with two or three touches of glue. Next mark on these circles all sorts of funny faces. From the gay paper fashion bonnets and dresses held in place by bits of narrow ribbon and touches of glue. Thrust the end of the stick through an empty spool and you have a charming doll that can stand alone. Endearing colored babies may be made by using black paper for the faces. These lollypop dollies may be used as place cards or to decorate indi-

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And men said as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay."
Great is thy skill, oh builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A mother built a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the mother built
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple—
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