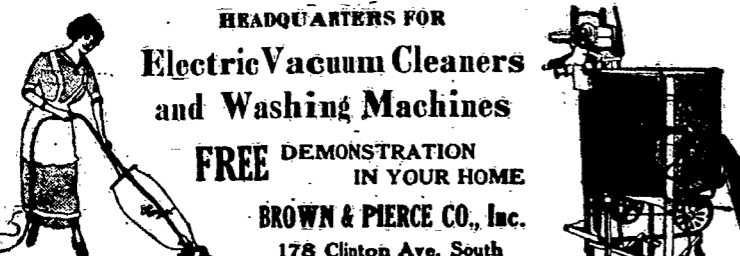


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Mrs. Gerard is Daughter of the Late
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The Frederick VIII, with Ambassa-
dor and Mrs. Gerard on board, arrived
recently from Europe at New York,
where she was honored by the com-
mittee appointed by the mayor of New
York to welcome the returning diplo-
mat in the name of the city.

The party reached the city hall at
8:30, so early that the door of the
mayor's room had not been unlocked.



Photo by American Press Association.
MRS. JAMES W. GERARD.

and the ambassador and the reception
committee had to wait at the top of
the stairs for a few moments while the
mayor and his wife hurried after the im-
portant guests.

Once inside the room, the function-
ary took on a formal aspect for the first
time. Mr. and Mrs. Gerard were led to
a position in front of the table once
used by President Washington. Mrs.
Gerard carried a huge bouquet of
American Beauty roses presented by
the committee. She wore a dark blue
tailored suit, a blue hat and a brown
mink collar.

Mrs. Gerard has been red-dressed with
taking a leading part in war relief in
Germany. Asked as to this, she dis-
claimed any personal credit, saying
that all American women in Germany
have done "manifold work." About
a year ago Mrs. Gerard was decorated
by the Kaiser with Red Cross gold
medals of the first and second class. This
was the first time the Kaiser ever gave
the decoration to a woman not of royal
blood.

Mr. Gerard said on their arrival, in
response to a question, that there were
about 2,000 Americans in Germany at
this time. About 700 are in Berlin.

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

They Are Not Compelled to Vote For
Their Party Candidate.

A presidential elector is an independ-
ent agent. As a matter of practice he
votes for the candidate chosen at the
convention of his party, but he can le-
gally break the instruction, just as a
delegate to that convention could have
done.

There have been a number of in-
stances in our history where this has
been done.

Hence if a presidential candidate
were to die the day before the election
the states would on the following
day vote for their two sets of presiden-
tial electors in the routine way.

These presidential electors who are
chosen in November are obliged to
meet in the various states on the sec-
ond Monday in January following.
That is the day the president of the
United States is actually chosen.

That these electors were intended to
be free agents and to act as they deem
best is plainly inferred by the twelfth
amendment to the constitution of
the United States. It says:

"They shall make distinct lists of all
persons voted for as president, and of
all persons voted for as vice president."

When that amendment was adopted
after the Jefferson Burr battle of 1801
there had never been any political con-
ventions and the presidential electors
of the various states were expected to
form as many conventions and there-
to choose a president.

In practice the presidential electors
act merely as automaton. They per-
mit the national conventions to do their
thinking.

If one of the candidates selected by
the national conventions were to die
just prior to election day the national
convention of that party would some-
time after the election and prior to the
second Monday in January designate a
candidate.

That recommendation would carry
at the weight of a national convention.
But in neither case is the recommenda-
tion binding.

Since national conventions were first
held in Andrew Jackson's time no pre-
sidential candidate has died before the
election.

When Van Buren was elected presi-
dent no one was elected vice president.
The United States senate then exer-
cised its prerogative and elected to it
Johnson vice president.

A presidential elector in a New Eng-
land state refused to follow his party
and vote for James Monroe "just so he
could not be unanimously elected, as
was George Washington."

Eleven states did not vote at all for
president in 1864. In 1868 three states
that had tried to secede could not vote.

In 1890 one of California's presiden-
tial electors who had been chosen by
the Democrats refused to vote for Han-
cock. That state therefore gave Gar-
field one elector and Hancock five.
Philadelphia Ledger.

Where the Ark Rested.
We struggled painfully through the
fog and at sunrise on the fourth day
came in sight of Mount Ararat from
the hilltop above Erivan. A more im-
pressive sight I never saw. Above this
huge snow clad hump, with its attend-
ant peaked summits at its side,
though the ranges on each side of it
are 6,000 feet high, it seems to rise
alone from the plain and looms so large
as to absolutely annihilate the great
level plain, thirty miles across, which
separates you from it. Heavy snow
storms had raged over it for weeks,
and the snow was lying to within 6,000
feet of sea level. The summit is rep-
resented in the latest surveys to be
nearly 20,000 feet above the sea, so
there were 14,000 feet of snow lying on
it, and the shining mass seemed to rise
and soar into the blue sky from the
mouth of every foot. Professor Con-
beare in New Armenia.

Rats of London.
London is said to be the greatest rat
center in the world, and it has been re-
estimated that the rat population of the
metropolis is equal to the human popu-
lation and that about £10,000 is spent
annually in reducing their numbers.

The London sewers swarm with ro-
dents, and so do the railway stations.
Eunice especially are the abode of ar-
mies, and railway men often fear to
traverse these dark holes after night-
fall because of the London Opinion.

Dana's Ten Books.
Charles A. Dana once made a list
of ten "bad readable books." They
are the Bible, Shakespeare, the De-
claration of Independence, the Con-
stitution of the United States, Ban-
croft's "History of the United States,"
Irving's "Life of Washington," Frank-
lin's "Autobiography," Channing's "Es-
say on Napoleon Bonaparte," Gibbon's
"Decline and Fall of the Roman Em-
pire" and Tacitus' "Early Life of
Lincoln."

Fairly Won.
"Mr. Wombat seems very sure of
his wife's love."
"He has every right to. There's out
in a competitive contest comprising
seven exhaustive papers."—Kansas
City Journal.

Coon Meat.
"Coon meat looks and tastes some-
thing like guinea fowl, being dark and
tough unless fixed-up right. A coon is
more dainty and precise than a pe-
sum about what it eats. A possum
like a hog, will eat anything, any part
of carcass."

Oldest Royal Dynasty.
The oldest royal dynasty in the world
is that of Japan, which goes back un-
broken for 2,000 years.

A Wise Woman Gains her Ends.
What she leaves unsaid.—H. A. Vachell.

HER BOSOM FRIEND

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

"Eunice," said Mrs. Tisdale to her
bosom friend, "the doctor has ordered
me to spend the winter in a warm cli-
mate. Ralph can't possibly go with
me. We are dependent on his salary
for a living, and if he gives up his po-
sition we will be impoverished. I had
hoped, dear, to have you go with me,
but you know that can't be. And since
you must stay here I wish you to help
look after Ralph's comfort."

One not knowing the circumstance
under which this was spoken would
naturally suppose it to mean exactly
what it appeared to mean. Mrs. Tis-
dale meant something else.

There are cases where either a hus-
band or a wife will have a bosom
friend whose influence goes to make
trouble. Eunice Cowles was such a
friend to Edith Tisdale. If Ralph pro-
posed anything, Edith would withhold
her consent till she had consulted Eu-
nice. If Ralph returned from business
in the evening tired and anxious for a
quiet dinner and rest with his wife, he
was likely to find that she had gone off
with Eunice. Besides this, there was
the feeling that he was always playing
second to Eunice's first.

Mrs. Tisdale departed, leaving her
husband in the care of her bosom
friend. What she meant by looking
after his comfort was that Eunice was
to see that no woman got hold of him
during her absence. She trusted Eu-
nice implicitly, and she was the only
woman with whom she considered her
husband would be safe.

"Now, dear," she said to him before
leaving, "when you feel lonely in the
evening go round to Eunice's. She has
promised me to look after you and
will help you through the period of my
absence."

Ralph made no reply to this. His
wife did not see the frown on his face,
but if she had seen it it would have
made no difference. She knew that
her husband was averse to her friend,
but believed his aversion to result
from the fact that he was blind to
Eunice's nobility of character. Edith
loved him, but she did not place him
on that lofty pedestal on which she
had placed Eunice.

Eunice gave Ralph to understand
that the latchstring was always out
for him. At first he showed no dis-
position to avail himself of the offer,
spending his evenings either with his
intimate friends or at home reading.
But one evening he appeared at
Eunice's home, manifesting a cordiality
that he had not been accustomed to
show before. A week later he called
again and asked her to go out with
him to an evening's entertainment.

Eunice wrote Edith that Ralph had
changed toward her. Before he had
been left alone she had appeared to
be scarcely welcome at his home,
but now he went to see her often
of his own accord and was very com-
panionable. To this Edith replied,
"Heaven grant, dear, that his eyes
have been opened to your many vir-
tues."

As the winter wore on friends and
acquaintances of this trio began to
notice the intimacy existing between
Ralph Tisdale and Eunice Cowles.
Then they began to talk. One day
Edith received a letter from her moth-
er admonishing her that it would be
advisable for her to return as soon as
the weather warmed up. Persons
were criticizing her husband and her
bosom friend, who were seen con-
stantly together. Edith was amused
that observers should have been so de-
ceived by her plan for Ralph's protec-
tion.

There came an anonymous letter re-
peating the advice already given. Men
usually consider anonymous letters bet-
ter fitted for the wastebasket than for
consideration. A woman is likely to
be more favorably disposed to heed
what is spoken behind a mark. Edith
began to feel a bit anxious. She still
trusted her friend, but she feared for
her husband. She began to doubt the
wisdom of having exposed him to any
woman, however saintly. She had not
thought that her husband, once the
scutes had fallen from his eyes, would
see Eunice's superiority to his wife.

Mrs. Tisdale went home with far
more haste than she had come away
before going to her house she went to
Eunice's. If there was anything to be
collected she preferred to learn it from
her friend. She was told at the door
that Miss Cowles was not in the city.

Reluctantly she drove to her home,
Ralph, whom she had advised of her
coming, advanced to meet her with a
welcoming smile and took her in his
arms.

"This was reassuring."
"How have you and Eunice agreed?"
was her first question.

"Well, she has served me far more
than you can imagine."
"Where has she gone?"
"I don't know."
"When will she return?"
"I don't know."

That was a happy dinner husband
and wife ate together. Edith had been
perturbed as to her friend having sup-
planted her in her husband's affections
and did not mention her during the
meal. For the first time she did not
seem to need her.

Eunice never returned. In time Mrs.
Tisdale began to wonder. But no ex-
planation came. An explanation, con-
sisting of certain notes, Ralph held
under lock and key, but he never pro-
duced them. They had enabled him to
get rid of his enemy.

CHILD'S BONNET.

Solomon's Knot Stitch
Makes a Fetching Teaknot.

Use mercerized silk crocheted cotton
and steel crochet hook No. 6 or one a
little coarser.

First Row.—Twenty-three chain, 1 tr
in fourth ch from needle, 1 ch, 1 tr in
next ch; repeat to end of ch, making
20 tr in all; turn.

Second Row.—Make a chain stitch
about a quarter of an inch long and
work one double crochet in top of
stitch in back thread close to needle
and then another long stitch and one
double crochet in back of thread of
this, then one double crochet between
first 2 tr of previous row. Repeat to
end of row and turn.

Third Row.—1 long ch, 1 d c in back
stitch near needle and repeat once,
then insert the hook under the two
threads of first loop and work 1 d c,
then insert hook under second two
threads of same loop and 1 d c and re-
peat until you have 18 rows. Then
chain and turn.

Twenty-second Row.—Insert needle
under first two threads of the first
loop and make 1 d c, then under sec-
ond two threads and 1 d c, 4 ch and re-
peat this to end of row.

Twenty-third Row.—One long ch, 1
d c in back of needle, repeat once, one
1 d c under first 4 ch, another long ch
and d c in back on Solomon's knot, one
d c under same 4 ch