

A Few Roses, More or Less

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TABITHA came slowly down the wide stairway, her small gray suede shoes brave with silver buckles, her demure gray velvet frock Quakerish in its soft simplicity. Her golden hair shimmered in the gloom of the vast hall, and to Gerald Lang, standing at the foot of the stairs, her gray-blue eyes were blue, and as true as love's own flower.

As she reached the bottom of the stairs, Gerald bent to kiss her fingers with a gallant foreign gesture that amused and pleased her at the same time. Tabitha was sure that he had come to propose to her again. He followed her into the drawing room, where vases and bowls were filled with American Beauty roses. Tabitha took the largest vase in her arms. Her lips touched the roses.

"You dear things," she whispered, then to Lang, "Did you send them, Gerry?"

He nodded.

"Your birthday—two for every year." His dark eyes sought her face eagerly for something—he scarcely knew what.

She was counting the roses. "Forty-eight," she sighed.

Gerry looked uncomfortable. "Perhaps there should have been more," he hesitated.

"There are too many!" she smiled brilliantly—a dazzle of blue-gray eyes reproached him, ridiculed him.

"Does it matter, Tabitha, a few roses more or less?"

"It matters a great deal; I am only eighteen today, Gerry. With two roses for every year, three dozen would be just right."

His gaze crystallized on her eyes, more gray now than blue, and rather cold and hard. "Six years ago when I was last home," he said coldly, "you were eighteen, but I am a poor mathematician, Tabitha."

"Rather!"

Tabitha rang for a servant and ruthlessly putting out a dozen of the roses, ordered them to be thrown out and when the man had gone, she turned to Gerald. "Now I am happy with your roses, Gerry!"

"I am glad you are happy, Tabitha," and his voice changed. "I have come to make my adieu, Tabitha—I am joining the Blizen exploration party after all."

"Into Asia?" she faltered.

She was pale now and not so pretty. She had been sure old Gerry was going to propose—she wondered why he had not.

He said good-by and went, and forgot to kiss her hands. He had first refused to join the expedition because he had resolved to marry Tabitha—but now things were changed. Tabitha had had a birthday—she had lied to him, and no Lang of Lang's End had ever wedded a deceitful woman, or one who wasted precious roses.

Twenty years afterward he came home from Asia, a lean, silent brown man of fifty. One of the first things he did was to order roses for Tabitha. She had never married, and he wondered why. It never occurred to him that she could care, after all.

She came to him under softly shaded lights, looking not a year over twenty-four.

"Has time stood still?" he inquired, and he felt the old thrill at touch of her hand.

She smiled and shook her head. "Does it ever? I am having another birthday, Gerald—must you always come on anniversaries?"

"They are anniversaries for me, too," he retorted.

They talked about some amazing discoveries he had made in Tibet and he had brought her a small ornament of milky-white jade. "For your birthday," he said.

"And my roses? You see I am spoiled."

"I believe Jenkins is bringing them now," said Lang.

Tabitha was counting roses again, and he saw her reach out with a hand interposed and he squeezed these flowers in with the others.

"Tabitha," said Gerald firmly, "I came home to marry you if you would accept me—you know I love you—and we have wasted twenty years—if you are forty-eight years old, I want to marry you."

Tabitha grew very pink indeed, tears came into her lovely gray-blue eyes. "If you should hold my hands, Gerry," she whispered, "it would help a lot!"

His hands swiftly sought and found hers, so small and so warm. He held them tightly. "Does it matter—these years, love—if you feel young—and your heart is young enough to love me as of old?" he murmured.

She leaned toward him, fluttering, foolish Tabitha, who had been so tender of her years. "Ah, Gerry, darling, if I had known—if I had only known," she whispered softly. "But I have suffered, dear, suffering in the waiting for you—take me quickly, Gerry, so that I can go away with you on your next voyage!"

"There will be no next voyage for me," declared Gerald happily—"only our wedding trip, if you wish to go sailing somewhere, my Tabitha!" Her face was very close to his, and her deep eyes were shining with love. "Ah, Gerry," she whispered, "anywhere—with you—will be heaven to me."

And then Gerald was quite sure.

What Miss Kate Could Do

By JANE OSBORN

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SATURDAY afternoon at Leonora Dred's house party turned out to be a dismal rainy day. It was a chill, penetrating rain that made Leonora's suggestion that they should don raincoats and go for a tramp meet with a chilly reception.

"Let's pretend that we haven't any of us a cent—nor any influential friends or anything and we've come here to get jobs," said big Roger Tilden, the athlete. "This is an employment bureau and each one of us has to write out his own qualifications. Personally if I found myself stranded in some strange place like Australia without a cent and no friends I don't know what I could do—unless maybe I could get a job as a furniture mover. But even then I'd probably smash the mirrors. Anyway, let's write out our qualifications."

"Don't let's write it out," suggested one of the girls. "Just let's say it. Roger, you take us one at a time and ask us—just as if we were lately landed in Australia and you were the employment agent. Start with Leonora."

After a little urging Leonora revealed the fact that she was an expert dancer. She could even do exhibition dancing, and she could swim like a fish and drive a car and she had undoubted qualifications as an interior decorator. Maud of course could make a career for herself anywhere as a musician. Alice boasted of two university degrees and had specialized in biology so she could get a job in a university or a laboratory. Bob felt qualified to work as a garage mechanic. Fred modestly said he would be as well qualified to practice medicine in Australia as anywhere else. Bill Stebbins thought he would break into the financial game and be a millionaire in no time. Ruth with her undoubted taste in dress and other accomplishments could get started as a dressmaker. Constance coyly revealed the fact that she could succeed professionally as a painter. Walter said he wouldn't try to get a job at all. He'd vamp some rich Australian girl and land soft. And Arnold assured the others that he could write as successfully in Australia as anywhere else.

It was Kate's turn and Kate looked and felt confused. "I don't know that I can do anything," she said. "Of course I can cook a little and I can mend—but I can't dance or drive a car or sing or paint or do anything like that."

"Never mind, Kate," said Leonora with a little patronage. "If we did go to Australia we wouldn't let you starve."

Meantime the rain had turned from a steady drizzle to a devastating downpour. Leonora seemed uneasy and started at the slightest sound. Finally the telephone rang and after five minutes' conversation in the telephone nook in the hall Leonora came back with bewildered expression.

"I'll have to tell you the truth," she said. "We'd had trouble in the kitchen and when the girls heard we were having this party they walked out. Left this morning. Mother telephoned at once to Benton where we got our maids and engaged two, and after you'd got here she drove over to get them. And now she has telephoned to say she can't get there all right but that she couldn't get the girls and can't get back herself."

The rain had increased to such an alarming extent that there would be no hope of the arrival of the outside guests for the dance that night. Still there were twelve people in the house and dinner had to be prepared and Leonora was frantic. It was not until Kate donned a smock and went to work that there was any real promise of any sort of dinner. Roger somewhere found an apron which he tied about his stalwart person and then, shooing every one else out of the kitchen, said that dinner would be ready at seven and that he and Kate could work better alone.

Having nothing else to do the others dressed for dinner—which turned out to be most toothsome and well served. Even Leonora, forgetting that there are dishes to wash after every dinner, donned the light-pink frock she had made especially for the occasion. So after dinner no one needed much urging to consent to leave the work to Kate and Roger.

The last dish and pan had been washed and Kate was scrubbing up the sink while Roger was laboriously drying the last saucers.

"You've been a tramp," said Roger. "It'll be their turn tomorrow, though."

"But I've really enjoyed doing this—only it was rough on you, Roger. I'd really rather do it again tomorrow than to have those girls fussing around without getting anything done."

"Well, if you do it tomorrow, I'm going to help. I couldn't bear the thought of anyone else here with you. Kate—I wanted to tell you this afternoon when we were playing that old stupid game. You are worth all the other girls put together. Kate, I want you to promise to marry me."

"But, Roger," said Kate holding her dripping hands away as he drew her to him, "wouldn't Leonora think it was funny? I mean I don't think she'd like it very much to think you'd proposed to me at her house party."

"Her house party, you call it, when you do all the work?" said Roger, holding Kate's water-soaked hands.

Fagoted Frock Is of Pleasing Type

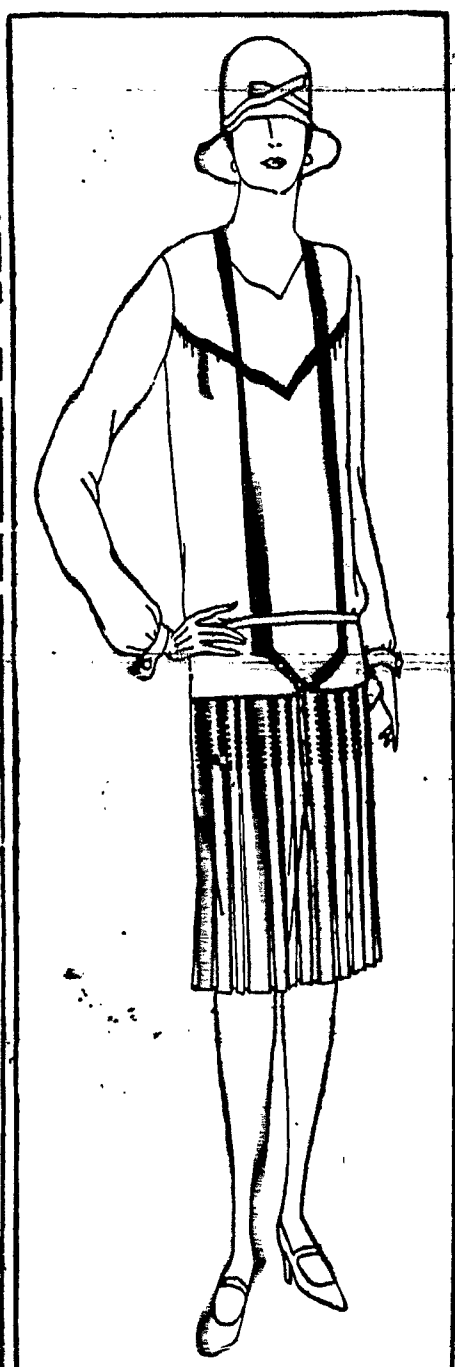
One-Piece Dress With Just a Suggestion of the Popular Jumper.

Let us hasten to reassure you. The dress is cut in fewer pieces than you would suppose at first glance. Instead of joining a number of small pieces, the fagoting used for this dress is done on top of the goods. You can cut away underneath afterward or not, just as you choose. Cutting away is a little more trouble, as the under edges have to be rolled and hemmed. But even then this kind of fagoting is only about one-tenth the trouble of the fagoting done after the material has been cut into small pieces.

This dress, according to the Woman's Home Companion, has actually only one piece for the front of the waist. The yoke effect is accomplished by lines of fagoting only. There is just a small slash at either side slanting down from the armhole for letting in necessary fullness. The slashes are cut and sewed before you begin the handwork.

Heavy flat white crepe fagoted in red was the first thought for this frock. It would be equally good in white worked in black. It's a splendid style, too, for the ever-useful navy blue, especially if you do it all in one color and cut away under the criss-cross stitching.

This is a one-piece dress with just a suggestion of the jumper in its long waist. It is slashed at each side under the belt so that the lower part



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of the blouse is smooth below the belt and the upper part blouses a little. Skirt fullness is introduced by the popular method of small box plaits stitched down to one-third their own length.

Youthfulness Theme of Dress and Sports Coats

The dominant feature of the coat althoette for spring is youthfulness. Plaits play an important part in achieving the youthful effect. They are found on both cloth and silk coats, sewed down flatly from collar to knees, at which point they are allowed freedom of movement. Plaitee ruffles on the lower portion of garments also contribute to their loveliness. Fine tucking enlivens the straight silhouette by simulating yokes and by forming pointed panels on the back of models.

Collars play an important part in determining the coat's style. Tucked designs are liked, and partially standing effects are also much in evidence. Bows and ties are employed on many of the silk coats. The coat closings are about evenly divided between the side and front handlings. Belted models are extremely popular among the sports coats. Pockets are conspicuous in both self and contrasting fabrics and colors.

New Lace Effects

New effects in lace dresses finding favor in German shops are obtained by lacquering or waxing the lace and wearing it over frocks of various colors. The color of the underslip is then reproduced in artificial flowers fastened to shoulder or bodice.

Two-Piece Mode in Sportswear

Cheerful sponsors of sleeveless two-piece sports frock of white crepe de chine with a novel scarf collar of geranium red and crepe de chine. The front of the jumper with small tabs.

Suit of Hairline Twill Severe in Its Outline



ANNA Q. Nilsson, the "movie" star, appearing in "Easy Pickings," has selected a charming tailored suit for the spring months. It is very severe in its outline, but feminized in its detail. It is of hairline twill with a high collar, brilliant to and a colored warm water beneath is intensely stimulating that "harmonious" with the ference of temperature in heat, since the specific heat of salt water is less than that of fresh water, the salt water is more easily heated by the sun, and having risen to a higher temperature than that of the overlying fresh water, retains its heat, because the fresh water prevents its escape by radiation. It is suggested that some use of these simple little frocks of the sports type that will be made at home. This year, more than in many other years, cottons are to play a distinctly important role.

Sleeveless Frocks for Summer Sports Outfit

It is none too early to begin to think of the summer wardrobe, especially those simple little frocks of the sports type that will be made at home. This year, more than in many other years, cottons are to play a distinctly important role.

A famous international tennis player was the first last year to appear in a sleeveless tennis frock of simple pique cotton, the checker executive color of in white and in pastel colors. This Rome. Two years later, it came of was the inspiration for several models that have been brought out for the coming season.

They are simple, as befits their type, smart in line and practical in fashion, with cleverly concealed plaits that allow extra fullness when the wearer is playing tennis or golf, and at the same time have the appearance of a slender straight-line frock.

The woman who has started on her clothes for summer would do well to include several linen or cotton frocks in yellow, which this year is to have a marked vogue. It is particularly effective in a shade that suggests sunshine, or in the palest shade.

Fashions Include Much Color for Spring Togs

At resorts there was the tendency of the smartest women to wear white, in almost every case relieved by touches of brilliant color. Another interesting note was the prominence given printed linens and cottons in gay colors and striking handblocked designs and calico print designs.

The coat of printed linen was worn by many of the smart younger set who chose brilliant color effects. The smartest went in for the striking black and white designs or for the composed idea, which this season is developed in cottons as well as silks.

One effective costume was composed of a coat of heavy linen hand blocked in a brilliant design of blue on a white ground worn over a frock of white flat crepe with touches of blue. It was a Shenandoah and Potomac and was about two-piece in line and effectively simple. One woman had several coats of this type in different colors which she changed over frocks that repeated the color. Her hats were of felt or crocheted in the same vivid tone.

Plaits, Tucks, Employed as Winsome Decoration

There has rarely, probably never, been a season when tucks and plaits were employed so extensively as trimming decorations. In many instances they are the only form of ornamentation. Tucks run round and up and down, or across the frock in diagonal lines, achieving effects that are new and distinctly smart.

Plaitee skirts are worn with blouses, plaitee jumpers top simple wrap-around frocks, plaits in many of the smartest sports white are used for both blouses and skirt.

Frequently both plaits and tucks are featured on the same frock. An instance of this is in a dress which has come from Paris, an extremely smart little crepe model in a flattering tone of cocoa. It is plaitee from neck to hem, but at the shoulders and the natural line of the waist there are cross tucks to form a pattern of tiny squares.

Formal Evening Gown

The smart formal evening gown has again taken its elegant and dignified place in the mode, but in so doing it has by no means displaced the other chiffon frock whose fluttering draperies still add their subtle charms to the dinner hour.

No Great Competition for These Old Jobs

Although at the present time almost every profession is overworked, there are still a few that have only one follower.

For instance, out of the ten million and a half million people in London there is only one moss gatherer. Twice a week this man pushes a barrow to a spot several miles out of the city, where he gathers his moss and later sells it for decorative purposes.

At the last census taken in England a man stated that he was a warus moustache collector. The hairs are used for the purpose of making tooth-picks and as far as is known he is the only person who follows that profession.

There is only one lady retainer surgeon in England. A British firm employs a man whose job is simply to strike matches in order to test them.

Still another of these unusual jobs is that of a food breeder. There is one man who does this, and he sends his loads to gardeners for the purpose of destroying insect pests.

There is no overcrowding in these jobs!

Layers of Warm and Cold Waters in Lakes

It has been found that some of the salt lakes in Hungary present the peculiarity of a layer of warm water over cold water between two bodies of colder water. Thus, in the Mude lake, the surface temperature in summer is about 76 degrees, but at a depth of a little more than four feet the temperature becomes 122 degrees, declining again to 63 degrees at the bottom.

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Hardy Roman Figure

Cincinnatus was one of the favorite early heroes of the American Republic. In the year 460 B. C. he was elected consul, the chief executive officer of the Roman Republic. Two years later, in time of war, he was elected dictator, a position of great power. He led the army against the nation of Gauls, or modern France, that was threatening Italy. The dictator sent to tell him of his elevation to the dictatorship found him plowing in his little farm. He put on his toga, the robe of a Roman citizen, and then he went to Rome and took command. He decisively defeated the enemy and 10 days later he was at home again at work on his farm.

He Wants a Bride

Like Sir James Percy, the Irishman who never forgets a good story that he hears, and later gives it an extra twist of interest through the story of his own personality, Sir James Taggart, an old friend of America, in among the recognized story-tellers of the country. He is telling just now of a certain man of the kind who was found lying drunk not far from his door by a Roman Catholic priest. The priest picked him up and helped him to his home. As he felt for the latch of his door the intoxicated man turned to the priest, helped and looked hard at him. "Oh, say," he said, "I am a fine—the Catholic priest. Now mind, mon; I'm no' bigoted."—London Sketch.

Historic Town

Harper's Ferry is a town in West Virginia at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac and is about two miles from Washington. It is famous for its name from Robert Harper, an English millwright, who obtained the grant of this site in 1748 from Lord Fairfax, the friend and patron of George Washington. The original survey was made by Washington himself and it is said that he personally selected the ferry as the site of a national armory. Harper's Ferry is famous in American history as the scene of John Brown's raid.

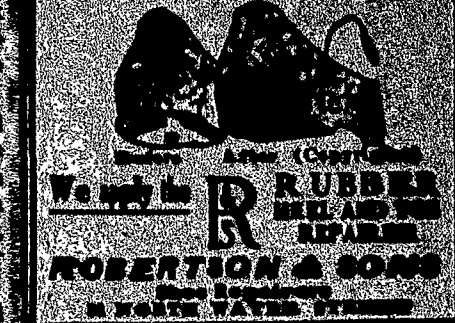
Personal Experience?

A few weeks ago in one of these state high schools, in an English class, this little episode occurred: The teacher had asked the pupils for the following day, to write an editorial, and in giving suggestions had said that "happy love" would be an interesting topic to work up. As a member of the class, who was busy copying the assignment when the above statement was made, looked up and suddenly exclaimed: "Does it have to be a personal experience?"—Indianapolis News.

Hobby Is Training Worms

Training worms is the hobby of David Masters, London Journalist and scientist. Leading his visitors to his garden, Masters would take a blade of grass and stroke the back of a worm, or a woman's body is changed to be out of its hole in the ground. Immediately the worm would emerge from its hiding place and he would stroke its back, which the worm would arch after a few strokes. "I have even a worm that is a good time tellers (like his friends).

Old Rubbers Make New



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