

# SHY 'LITTLE LENA' DOESN'T SAY MUCH ON LOVE SUBJECT

Bud Stillman's Bride-to-Be  
Carefully Coached by  
Mother-in-Law.

By NEA Service  
GRAND ANSE, Quebec, Canada, Nov. 5.—"Little Lena," they call her, 18-year-old Lena Wilson, the girl of the bush who is to wed young James A. Stillman, Jr.

But it takes some of the social registers' best blue blood to keep an eye on this "Little Lena" these days. Fowler McCormick, for instance, son of Harold McCormick and Edith Rockefeller McCormick, is on hand at Grand Anse to assist Mrs. James A. Stillman in the job of duennaing the bride-to-be.

A Buffer  
It is to "that fellow McCormick down at the barn" that Lena's hired

girl sisters send each and every one seeking tidings of Lena.

McCormick, in blue overalls, is obolizing but firm.

When Mrs. Stillman returns, Lena may show herself, but not before.

"Lena, come forth," bids "Missus" Stillman later, and Lena comes forth shyly but sweetly.

"Lena, stand still. They want a picture," says Mrs. Stillman and Lena smiles and stands.

Thick Ice  
One makes little headway in gleaming the moonlight and roses of Lena's romance.

"How does it feel to be an engaged lady?" one begins, thawing the ice.

"Oh, great!" says Fowler McCormick. "Doesn't it, Lena?"

"Yes," says Lena and grins.

Any questions as to when and where and why Bud proposed are pigeon-holed promptly by either duenna Stillman, duenna McCormick, or duenna Miss Oliver, the housekeeper.

On the Blacklist  
"Lena doesn't like to talk about such things, do you, Lena?"

"No, ma'am," says Lena.

Mrs. Stillman has a strong suspicion, however, that Bud proposed in the old Ford, which he taught Lena to drive last summer.

"But I wouldn't ask my son such

an intimate question for the world!" she says.

Dish washing also contributed to love's flowering, perhaps.

"All Bud did last summer was wipe dishes and look at Lena," Mrs. Stillman volunteers.

"Bud wiped dishes for me, and he's not in love with me," says duenna Oliver.

And the Swing  
"Did they sit in that swing moonlit evenings?" I asked hopefully, spying a swing by the river's edge.

"Not at all," says one of the mystic three. "But you can say they did."

"But what did they do? How did they fall in love? Say, Lena, when did you fall in love, anyway?" I ask.

Lena looks at "Missus."

"Yes, No," she says.

Mother-to-be Stillman interrupts: "Lena's so happy about going to New York, aren't you, Lena?"

"Yes," says Lena.

"It will be much fun to begin making a real fairy princess out of her," says Mother Stillman. "Pretty clothes—jewels—"

Lena was wearing a little apple-green jersey dress, nude stockings to her knees, a Paisley scarf.

Her hair is sunny, her skin fair, and she has a poise in bearing, a self-composure quite worldly. But her vocabulary is "yes" and "no," and not much of that. Bud Still-

man will have no trouble hearing himself think in his own house.

Brave But Shy  
"How about a picture of Lena feeding the chickens?" I ask.

"Yes," says Lena obediently, beginning to trudge.

"No," says Mother Stillman. Lena does not trudge.

"Run in, Lena, you'll catch cold."

"Yes, missus," says Lena. She runs.

"Dear, brave little Lena!" admired Mrs. Stillman, watching her. "She's not at her best with strangers yet, so shy."

The Philosophy of It  
"Does she seem at all impressed by this turn in her life? Does she plan what she'll do when—"

I could hear Lena say "Yes, No."

But Mrs. Stillman answered: "When you've never had a dollar, there's no difference between a hundred and a thousand. Both are a pile of money. That's the way with Lena. She spends no money here,

nor do any of her sisters. It's just missus' things."

Then I asked: "How will The World accept this Lena of The River?"

"We, Bud and I, never have cared what The World thought of our choices and decisions," said Mrs. Stillman. "We want Lena, and that's enough." She paused.

Her Own Author  
"Aristotle and folks like that once wrote books telling what life was, and how to meet it. Here's Lena telling us how to live, and living and writing life herself."

I wonder what Lena would say to that if one could ask her!

Young Guy Stillman, the "Baby Guy" of the Stillman divorce battles, had hoped to marry Lena himself, he says, adding:

"Anyway, I don't think she's as pretty as she used to be, and that picture of her photographed with my dog, Sport, wouldn't have been taken if I'd been around. That's not her dog."

## ANIMAL DISEASE CURE

Believe Remedy Is Found for Hoof-Mouth Plague.

By United Press  
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 5.—Physicians and veterinarians, eagerly probing into the cause of hoof-and-mouth disease, believe they have traced like growth. The growth, belonging to the "Mollusca" group, is said to appear during the incipient stages of the disease and, in light cases, throughout its entire course.

Experiments conducted by Dr. Vendel and the veterinary surgeon, Dr. Westring, are reported to have disclosed the appearance of this growth in the form of "a mixed infection with bacteria" in the advanced stages and in malignant cases of the disease.

On this hypothesis, Dr. Vendel has attempted to treat hoof-and-mouth disease by injections of a saline solution of iodine. He alleges that the results have been satisfactory. Sweden.

ish and Danish bacteriologists express doubts as to the correctness of Dr. Vendel's theory.

VETERAN WINS OUT  
CINCINNATI, Ohio—A table and lamp made of 47,854 pieces of wood helped to save the life of George L. Hathaway, disabled veteran of the World War. Believing he was engaged in a race with death, Hathaway worked for months in making his table, which contains seventy-

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