

Desertion of Babies Sad Choice

New York Mother Some Day Will Be a Haunted Woman.

BY GRETNA PALMER

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Some where in New York there is a woman who has divorced her children. She enjoyed the bitter triumph of seeing their photographs on the front pages of the paper shown with hat of Catherine Kearns, the 8-year-old girl who guarded them for five hours, waiting for the mother to return. The mother never returned. Probably she never will.

The woman who left her children in the custody of a strange little girl, with the promise of a dime if she would watch them, knows now that they have been taken to the Foundling hospital and that they will not be a burden on her any more. It is, perhaps, a relief. Strangers have assumed the responsibility she found too irksome and the children will never bother her again.

We can only guess at the character of the woman who wished to turn back the clock and return to the days when she was not yet a mother.

It is almost certain that she was a woman alone—deserted or a widow or divorced—for one can not satisfactorily explain the disappearance of two healthy children out of the household to even the most indifferent of fathers.

Distress Probable

She was a woman alone and probably a woman in distress. A well-to-do mother might be frivolous enough to wish her children out of the way, but she would almost certainly have provided for them in a boarding home, where they would not be completely out of reach if ever she should change her mind.

If this mother was indeed a woman harassed and hopeless we should not be too hard on her. She may have felt that the struggle to feed one person in such times as these was beyond her strength and that the sight of her children in need was quite too much for her.

She may have felt that without their hourly calls on her strength life might take on the old, cheerful aspect that it wore before she was weighted down by any responsibilities greater than her own happiness.

Fairness May Be Argued

Perhaps she even argued that it would be fairer for the children to give them a chance of being adopted into homes less desolate and pinched than hers. In all of which she was most tragically and selfishly mistaken.

You can not, dear woman, turn your children out to scratch for themselves as if you were a bird pushing the fledglings out of the nest—and even the mother bird waits around until the young ones have learned to fly. You can not lie down on the job like that, because you were not given a capacity to do so and ever to live happily again.

The mother's instinct to care for her children until they reach maturity is one of the strongest in the world. It has even been strong enough to survive the sugary sentimentality with which it has been endowed by the eyeball-rolling mother worshipers. It is as strong in you as in any one else, no matter how you may try to tear it out of your mind.

Peace Will End

You may better yourself in a material way for having thrown your children to the wolves of public generosity. You may feel, for a time, that the house is strangely restful and your days far easier with so few chores to do. But the peace and the serenity will not last long.

It may not come for years, but some day you will have a dream about your children. You will begin to worry about them and wonder whether they are warm and happy—and whether they remember you. From that day on you will be a haunted and remorseful woman—from that day until the moment when you die and it is too late to call them back to you.

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Party Honors Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Lantau entertained Sunday with a garden party for Mr. and Mrs. George Gisler. Mrs. Gisler, before her marriage, was Miss Genevieve Quinn, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Cheney.

Daily Recipe

PRESSED VEAL

2 pounds breast or neck of veal

1-2 pound shoulder of veal

1-2 onion

Few slices of carrot

1 stalk of celery

Salt and pepper

Place the veal, onion, and celery in a pan and simmer until the meat is tender. Remove the veal from the liquid and cool the broth. When the meat is nearly cold, cut it into small cubes, or chop it fine.

Remove the fat from the broth, reheat the liquid and stir the veal into it, adding the salt and pepper. Pack the hot mixture into a mold, cover with a greased paper, place a weight upon it and let stand until it is set. Serve cold, sliced thin.

Visitors on Chicago Pier



Miss Mayme Williams, left, and Miss Margaret Swope.

Misses Mayme Williams, 2237 Park avenue and Margaret Swope, 1927 Broadway, are visiting in Chicago for several weeks. They are shown above on the pier at the Edgewater Beach.

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Miss Troy and Arthur Padgett Wed in Church

Personals

Mrs. R. H. Collins, Glenn Martin apartments, has returned from a two weeks visit in New York.

Misses Betty Jane and Jeanette G. Flechman, 6277 College avenue, have left for a visit in Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Falender, 4844 Carrollton avenue, are in Chicago, where Dr. Falender is attending the national dental convention.

Frank Dee, Glenn Martin apartments, is spending the week at Chicago.

Mrs. Charles S. Crawford, with her daughter, Jane Alice, have returned to Munich, Germany, after an extended visit in Indianapolis.

Miss Mary Beatrice Whitteman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omer S. Whitteman, 3114 Central avenue, is visiting Mrs. Otis A. Deem and family in Greensburg.

The couple left on a motor trip following a wedding breakfast at the Cox home, 4322 Guiford avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Padgett will be at home in Indianapolis.

MISS WINGFIELD BECOMES BRIDE

The marriage of Miss Margaret Wingfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Wingfield, 5140 Broadway, to John Wilbur Reed of Indianapolis, son of Mrs. L. M. Reed of Newark, N. J., took place Saturday afternoon at 3:30 at the Memorial Presbyterian church, with the Rev. William T. Kendall officiating.

Mrs. Kenneth Mann was matron of honor, and Herbert Reed, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were George F. Reed, New Britain, Conn.; F. Lee Beale, Bloomington; Robert G. Beale of Mendon, Mich., and Kenneth Mann of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed left on a trip

on the Great Lakes and a motor trip through the east. They will be at home in Indianapolis after Aug. 22.

THREE HOSTESSES FETE BRIDE-TO-BE

Misses Allene Sutherland Brune, Phyllis Minter and Virginia Reynolds were hostesses at a bridge luncheon today at the home of Miss Brune, 5947 Oak avenue, in honor of Miss Mary Lou Turnock, whose marriage to Charles De Winter Greenen will take place Aug. 14.

Mothers of the hostesses assisted. They were Mrs. I. W. Brune, Mrs. F. O. Minter and Mrs. Frank S. Reynolds. Table appointments were in green and yellow.

Guests were Mrs. L. A. Turnock and Mrs. G. W. Greenen, and Misses Thelma Dreibus, Agnes Hinkie, Jean Converse, Barbara Heron, Ruth Colvin, Marjorie Thurman, Martha Reynolds, Vera Kunze, Lucille Morrison, Helen Root and Jane Martin.

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