

BRINGING UP FATHER

By McManus



The Big Sister Speaks Out

Mollie Objects to the Proposed Call of Sue's Admirer.

By Lillian Lane.

"Mr. Cornelius Porter is not married, but just a poor lonely widower, and you invited him to call to-morrow night. Well you certainly are quick about managing things, Sue!"

"I detect a little undercurrent of sarcasm in my big sister's voice! Well, you certainly are quick about and I thought I'd show him what a well-bred person I was, so I invited him to call just as if I were a carefully chaperoned debutante instead of a little stenographer. You don't think you could finish that pink Georgette blouse for me before to-morrow night, do you, Mollie?"

"Yes I think I could, but I think I won't."

"Speak out, Mollie! Don't take refuge in a superior attitude. What have I done to displease you now?"

"Oh, child, it's just that this whole Portia thing displeases me. I don't like your attitude, and I don't like his. I'm sure he's a thick-necked, red-faced person who wears checked suits and red ties, and I don't like having my little sister ignore his impudence to her at the beginning of their acquaintance and invite me to call, just as if she were in the habit of receiving insults and overlooking them."

"There you go, Mollie. He wears blue serge suits, and his face isn't red. Besides, I was to blame myself in the beginning. You told me that, and now!"

"Now, Sue, I suppose you don't think you're to blame. Don't you know the impression you are giving that man?"

Sue Has Her Reasons.

"I think I'm impressing him with the fact that I'm a girl he can't chuck under the chin or kiss down in a business office, nor yet take out to tête-à-tête dinners. He sees that I'm not fresh, but that a man who wants to know me has to call on me in my own home, and I'm sure he'll have to respect me for that."

"That's all very well Sue, if he were a twenty-five year old boy. But he's a Western millionaire, and forty or fifty, as you told me yourself, and a widower—and if Mr. Cornelius A. Porter inquires into your motives at all his conclusions won't be flattering."

"He'll just put you down as one of those girls who took up stenography in a school teaching or millinery, because she wanted to work in a world of men instead of a world of women. He'll conclude that you wouldn't let yourself be lightly kissed or taken to theatres by a gay cavalier because the price of your favors—is marriage."

"Mollie, you're horrid and sordid and cynical!"

"Yes, I suppose so. But I'm twenty-eight and you're eighteen, fifteen, and I don't want to see you turn into the sort of woman who goes around with talon-like fingers ready to grasp at any respectable and gullible elderly man who can be cajoled into marriage."

Please, dear, remember all the sensational stories about pretty manicures who sue elderly millionaires for breach of promise and

don't drift into the mental state of imagining that your employer's office is a matrimonial bureau and that all the men who come in to see Austin & Austin offer you an opportunity of making a place for yourself in the world."

"Mollie, you make me blush—for you—not for me, though. Where else have I a chance to meet any men except in Mr. Austin's office, and why wouldn't I prefer marrying an elderly millionaire to slaving along on twelve a week and living in this shabby little place and watching my youth slip by like yours?"

"Why, the only men you ever see are the milkman and the grocer and the doctor when he comes to treat Neddie. Maybe if I made a brilliant marriage we could have a specialist examining Neddie and fix that kink in his spine so he could walk. I'm not saying Mr. Porter would ever think of marrying me—but if he did, wouldn't it be wonderful?"

He Is Only Forty-two.

"Just how old do you really think he is, Kitten?"

"He told me yesterday—forty-two."

"And you're eighteen—and just a baby in spite of all your foolish smattering of worldly wisdom. What do you know about love or life or the meaning of marriage? How dare you contemplate tying your youth to this man's outworn ideals?"

"Oh, I don't understand you at all, Mollie. I'd be the luckiest girl in the world if a man like that wanted to marry me, and I'm proud that he even wants to come to see me."

"Well, Kitten, here's the gist of the situation—now take it or leave it. I'm tired of preaching. Mr. Cornelius Porter is a middle-aged man, and your youth has attracted him probably. It's a passing fancy, and every one in the office will respect you a little less because of this flirtation."

"They'll think you're a man-souuring little jade who tried to capture a big man and didn't succeed. And if you do succeed—in throwing your youth and chances of happiness away, return for a little attention from him that will be more than anything the office girls can say about you."

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"Well, I'd like to know what you want, Mollie. Mr. Porter apologized handsomely for trying to kiss me and now he honors me by coming to call and immediately you start preaching. What sort of man would you like me to take up with?"

"None for a while, Kitten—I'd like to see you stick to your work and prove ability rather than your coquetry. And then some day I hope you'll marry a nice boy who loves you."

"Listen, Mollie: please finish my Georgette blouse if you can and come in and meet Mr. Porter tomorrow night. I want him to see that I have a respectable background of home and family. But for Heaven's sake don't preach to him!"

(To be Continued)

CALLED TO MILTON BY ILLNESS OF SONS

MILTON, Ind., Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lantz have returned from Shelbyville, Illinois, where they have been visiting their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lantz....Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Callaway of Cambridge City, called on relatives and friends here Sunday afternoon....Emory Needler of Hagerstown, was called here Sunday by the illness of his two little sons, who are spending the winter with Mr. Needler of Milton, and going to school. They are very sick, as is also their aged relative, Mr. Needler....George Rothermel spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Monroe Bertsch and his wife at East Germanstown.

Open Year With Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Bragg, of Indianapolis, are spending the New Year with Mr. Bragg's mother, Mrs. L. A. Bragg and other relatives....Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones entertained at dinner Sunday for a company of friends, composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Warren and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Parker and Mrs. Alice Gresh....Miss Luella Lantz entertained Walter Higham, Russell Wilson, Ross Dodridge, Misses Mary Lovell Jones, and Helen Coyne at a luncheon New Year's eve and watched the old year out and the new year in.

NEW SHIP TO CARRY \$25,000,000 IN GOLD

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The steamship *Saga*, a new ship, completed shortly before the war for the London Gothenburg tourist service and now owned by the Commercial South American Company, will carry a portion of the \$25,000,000 in gold, due South American republics from American bankers.

HAPPY OLD AGE.

When old age carries with it hosts of friends, good health and an abundance of this world's goods, it should be as happy as any period of our existence. That is old age as it should be, but too often it means poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This condition can be greatly alleviated, however, by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets each day immediately after supper. That will strengthen the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels, then that feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

SAFETY RAILING.

Lot numbered Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) in E. and J. Railback's Addition to the City of Richmond, Indiana. To be sold as the property of Anne B. Stamp. To satisfy said decree in my hands in favor of James A. Harding, Patrick H. Slattery and Washington J. Buchanan, doing business as a partnership under the firm name of Harding, Slattery and Buchanan.

Said sale without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

ALBERT B. STEEN, Sheriff of Wayne County. December 26, 1916. Shiveley & Shiveley, attorneys for plaintiff. Dec. 26-Jan. 2-9

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FOR RENT—Modern furnished rooms. 29 S. 12th St. 14-ft

FOR RENT—Two room suite. 29 North 10th. Phone 2540. 23-ft

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FOR RENT—5 room house, 431 Lincoln. H. D. Lacey, 9 South 7th. Phone 1756. 23-ft

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FOR RENT—7 room modern house. 401 S. 11th. 26-ft

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FOR RENT—5 room cottage, Charles Avenue, first house north National Road. Phone 4309. 26-ft

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