

The Middle Ground

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FRESH CLIMAXES

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

When she is 48 years old, Amy Talbot finds herself completely out of touch with the world. She has worked so hard all her life she has literally ceased to think. She finds this out when her eldest son Luther and his wife, Claire, return to the farm for a visit; and when her daughter Jane returns from medical school. The modern ideas of these young folks infect Amy, the youngest girl, who goes back to the city with Claire when Claire and Luther quarrel. The others return too. Luther and Claire separate; Jane is in love with a young doctor too poor to marry her. Amy is studying for grand opera, and refuses to marry the ever-faithful Dick. Feeling her girls need her care, Mrs. Talbot goes to the city. Everything there shocks and terrifies her. Amy intends to marry the richest man she can find. Claire refuses to see Luther, now living with his sister. Jane is ready to throw aside everything for love. Donald Moore, the doctor, finally asks her to marry him and go to South America. Jane refuses.

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Amy Talbot had a curiously negative personality at this period of her development. At first she had been all active, bitter opposition to everything new that came into her life or into the lives of her children.

Now that she had decided not to disagree with anything they said or did, until she could once more win their confidence, she became neutral, negative. The children and all the guests were quite apt to go on talking as though she were not there.

Even Donald was affected by this change. She was no longer an active force against him. So he too, began arguing with Jane, as though the mother were not present.

As for Mrs. Talbot, the situation had suddenly cleared and all her troubles were over, or rather, would be, as soon as Jane became sensible. She did not understand what was on the girl's mind.

Jane wanted to marry Donald. Donald, being poor and having strange radical ideas, did not want to marry Jane.

That was the situation. Donald, somehow, had changed. He had asked Jane to marry him. And Jane had just refused!

"You're to go to this mining camp in South America for a year," she said. "That's all very well, but it means you lose even the small foothold you've made here in the city."

"It means my expenses for a year are paid, and that there is enough salary to bring me back here with about a thousand dollars. If the worst happens and the mines close down, I'll have that to live on while I try to set up a new practice here."

"You know how far a thousand dollars will go toward buying you good clothes, paying a board bill, hiring an office, and keeping you until you find a house," Jane said. "If you had me to support too, while I tried to make my start, it would go only half as far."

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young married lady, living in three rooms which form a little suite in the home of another woman. My things are very pretty and my friends say they never saw a more "charming little place." Only one thing annoys me. The woman in whose house I live does a great deal of cooking and the odor from her food fills my rooms. In the evening when friends come in the smell of onions or fish embarrasses me. I have tried burning incense and it helps, but it is rather difficult to bring about the result I desire because my little burner goes out so easily. I have heard that the atmosphere of a room can be sweetened by scenting boiling water. How is that done?

MRS. L. A. G.
To secure a spicy, fragrant odor, fill a flat, shallow basin with boiling water and put in a teaspoonful of cinnamon oil and the spicy fumes will be sent out by the steam. If it is possible to keep the vessel where it will simmer, but not boil, the steam, being longer retained, acts longer, and the whole suite of rooms may be perfumed.

Oil of lavender may be used in the same way, as may any of the pungent flavors, such as neroli, rhodium, etc. The only trouble with the method is that it is not especially attractive to look at, and so cannot be done in the presence of guests. However, a room once perfumed in this manner will retain the odor for several hours.

A "balanced diet" may sound confusing to many people

The facts, as explained here, are simple.

The secret of a "balanced diet" is to have food containing all the elements needed for proper nutrition. These elements are protein, to nourish the tissues; starch and sugar to furnish energy; fat to supply heat; and mineral salts to provide the material necessary for building nerves, brain, and tooth and bone structure.

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Citizens' Mutual Meets In Fiftieth Session

Members of the Citizens Mutual Fire Insurance company will hold their fiftieth annual meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the assembly room of Adam H. Bartel's plant on South Eighth and B streets. Members, alone, are eligible to attend this meeting.

President William F. Klopp will preside at a short business session. Immediately following the business session, President Klopp will turn the meeting over to Adam H. Bartel, who will serve as toastmaster. A special musical number will be played by an orchestra.

Gustave H. Hoelscher, attorney of the company, and Rev. Frank A. Roell, of St. Andrew's Catholic church will deliver short addresses. At the conclusion of Rev. Roell's talk, Mr. Bartel will turn the meeting over to John Zwissler, who will have charge of the luncheon and the general entertainment which will feature the conclusion of the evening's activities.

Inasmuch as the company has 1,235 members, only members will be permitted to attend the meeting, and if the room at Mr. Bartel's plant is not large enough for the guests, they will adjourn to a larger space.

Mr. Herbert Fields and family at their farm home west of Quakertown, Sunday. Then called on Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Leach and daughter Miss Malinda, and Mr. and Mrs. George Holder in Dunlapville in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Nickels and daughter, Ruth Evelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nickels and son Quinton of near Allentown, were afternoon guests of Stanton Brothers at the Elms in Quakertown Sunday. Mr. Elmer Potter and family of Quakertown were guests of home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter, at Walnut Lane farm at Honeyman's ford, Sunday. Mr. John M. Lafuze of Richmond, will leave for St. Petersburg, Fla., Wednesday, where he will spend a few weeks as guest of his mother and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. Shumaker, living in that sunny city. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Richardson and son Joseph, motored to Greenwood Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Finch and daughter, Miss Bessie and Helen, at their country home. Mr. J. M. Talbot and son Robert, and Mrs. C. E. Brookbank and daughter, Miss Freda, motored to Fairfield Sunday and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Groce and daughter Elizabeth Jean.

MILTON, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. William Wessel and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Crook were guests of Richmond relatives. Mrs. Josephine Kinder of Jacksonburg was the guest of Mrs. Chester Hall several days last week.

Mrs. Hall and her guest spent Friday in Richmond. The ladies of the Missionary society of the Christian church entertained the members of the Methodist society, at the home of Mrs. Alice Gresh, Friday afternoon.

The following program was given: Bible study, Mrs. Carl Williams; "Japan, The Characteristics and Condition of Her People," Mrs. Henry Miller; solo, Mrs. Wallace Warren; "The Story of Verbeck," Mrs. P. C. McCormick; "A Visit to Our Mission," Mrs. E. P. Jones; "Echoes from Everywhere," Mrs. Alfred Sample; "A Greeting from Japan," Mrs. Alice Gresh. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Earl Crawford, Mrs. Will Hicks, Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Charles Albertson and Mrs. Eva Thornburg. Mrs. E. P. Jones was a dinner guest of Mrs. W. L. Parkins Thursday. The Cary club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. P. Jones when the following program was given: "Art and Handicraft of Mexico," Miss Hussey; book review, "The Fair God," Mrs. John DeGrunat; Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Flores; E. P. Jones was a dinner guest at a dinner party given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ossian Callaway of Cambridge City. Mr. and Mrs. Florea left Sunday to spend the winter in Florida. E. P. Jones was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones at

MURIEL McCORMICK FOLLOWS FOOTSTEPS OF PARENTS IN PHILANTHROPIC WORK



Miss Muriel McCormick, left; Mrs. R. T. Crane, Jr., chairman of the concert committee, and Mrs. John Borden.

While people are wondering what Muriel McCormick's future plans are now that her mother and father are divorced she is going about her usual activities without showing a marked preference for either parent. She seems bound to follow the footsteps of her parents in philanthropic work. With Mrs. R. T. Crane, Jr., and Mrs. John Borden of Chicago, she is sponsoring a concert to be staged in Chicago January 15 to lift a \$10,000 deficit resulting from the 1921 activities of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society.

Muncie Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elwell and daughter spent Thursday in Richmond. On account of the revival services at the Methodist church there will be no moving picture shows until the revival closes.

Frank Callaway went to Dayton Sunday morning to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Baker. Mrs. Alice Gresh visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hurst at Hillhurst a few days the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Swearingen of Moorland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess. Dr. and Mrs. Squier of Richmond attended the funeral of Janette Doty Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ferris and family were dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Thornburg and daughter Sunday. Earl Crawford is spending the week at Indianapolis. Dayton Warren was home from Columbus, Ohio, to spend Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Benton Wissler and family and Mrs. Omer Kerlin and son, John, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerlin. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beeson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newman formed a theatre party to Richmond Saturday. Stillwell Wilson has returned from Dayton, Ohio, where he visited his brother, John Severo, and family for several weeks. The Nazarenes are holding revival services at the Friends' church. Mr. and Mrs. Lantz and son are visiting Mrs. Anna Little at Indianapolis. The Straightway class of the Christian Sunday school taught by Earl Crawford has challenged the Ruth Circle taught by Mrs. Lida Warren to an attendance contest for three months. The challenge has been accepted.

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CABLE LANDING AT MIAMI
MAY BE PERMITTED BY U. S. WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Negotiations for a settlement of the differences between the American government and the Western Union Telegraph company over the landing at Miami, Fla., of a cable from Barbados, have proceeded to a point where it is understood a solution may be reached and subject to certain conditions, the landing permitted.

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