

The Middle Ground

By MARION RUBINCAM

CLAIRE'S STRANGE REQUEST

Chapter 60

Adam Arnold's voice was heard calling. "Almee, oh Almee, are you there?" a trick of speech and intonation he had copied from an English friend, which mixed badly with his usual manner of talking.

"Yes, Adam, here I am," Amy answered sweetly, and walked to the door to see what he wanted. Her voice and her manner were those of a charming and agreeable wife. Amy left her family to go on with her duties of hostess.

"So glad you came," she was heard greeting a newcomer. "Yes, Adam's house is charming, isn't it? But you must let me show you his smoking room, we're particularly proud of that." And away she went with the guest in tow, and the quaint air of possessing Adam and Adam's house in strong evidence.

"May I ask when the nuptials are to be celebrated?" Donald asked, taking in this scene with great amusement.

"Mother, you're not going to let Amy marry that fat wretch?" Jane cried, turning furiously on her mother. "She positively acts as though she were married already! You might suppose she owned his whole house."

If Mrs. Talbot had possessed a keener sense of humor she would have smiled at Jane's suggestion that she forbid Amy to do anything. Her children had long since passed out of her control. But now she only began worrying harder than ever.

"He's positively oily," Jane went on. They were alone in the magnificent suite of boudoir and bedroom and bath, with its walls painted with imitation Watteau shepherdesses sitting on green banks, and its myriad chiffon and lace ruffles wherever such materials could be employed.

"He seems very fond of her," Mrs. Talbot said, though she could not tell why she should want to defend a man she did not like.

"Fond of her now! But he'd be a beast to be married to. He's the type that would grow coarse and callous as soon as he had her," Jane said viciously. "Amy's really very sensitive—she would be miserable, and he'd never let her get a divorce!"

To the mother Jane piled evil upon evil. But she felt perfectly helpless to remedy this second trouble, just as she felt perfectly helpless to remedy the first one.

One daughter was going to contract a marriage that would spoil her life, the other one was refusing to make a marriage that would save her happiness! What a mixed-up world it was!

Then, by the way of making her confusion complete, Claire came up to her with an odd request.

Mrs. Talbot had avoided Claire. Luther and Claire were separated. So that, for some reason she could not explain, made it necessary for her not to speak to Claire—even though she

really liked her in spite of her treatment of Luther.

But Claire came up to her, as she entered the drawing room downstairs again.

"You are looking perfectly splendid, Mother," she said—the word "Mother" came as a shock, too! Was she Claire's "Mother"? Of course Claire and Luther were married still—and what else could Claire call her? Certainly not Mrs. Talbot—that was too absurdly formal.

In her usual charming, gushing way, Claire went on to admire the new dress which Amy, it appeared, had explained in detail to her. "And you look so much younger. The rest has done you good," Claire went on.

A new idea, this! Rest—perhaps her winter had been a rest. Physically it had been. The work in the flat was a trifle compared to the long hours of hard labor on the farm. But mentally she had never been so disturbed and unhappy.

"I want to talk to you. I want to see you," Claire went on hurriedly, after they had talked stiffly about the weather and the host's new house. "Will you come to my place tomorrow afternoon?"

Seeing an objection in the little woman's eyes, she hastened on—"I can't come to you. There are too many people about. We'll be alone at my apartment."

So the next day, feeling very strange and ill at ease, Mrs. Talbot actually found herself sitting opposite Claire once more in the luxurious little place that once was her's and Luther's, and that Claire now had alone. The visitor compared it mentally with the tiny flat Luther shared with his family, where everything, as Amy said, pretended to be something else and was obviously a clever make-shift to cover up poverty. This had been Luther's home, should be his home now.

Perhaps, she thought, with a sudden sense of relief, perhaps Claire wanted her to help in bringing Luther back to her! That would be easy—and how happy she would be then.

But Claire's blue eyes were as cold as a winter sky.

Tomorrow—What Claire Wanted

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I have been married three years and my husband and I have had trouble all the time. He wants to chase around and have a good time and he wants me to stay at home. Last night some younger people wanted me to go with them skating to chaperon them and he would not let me go.

Whenever he gets angry he beats me and that is something my own father never did. If I could get a place keeping house for some one with one or two children I would leave, but I can't put an ad. in the paper, as he

Prettiest Woman in Jugo-Slavia



Mrs. Liesel Schmiedek, above, who has been adjudged Jugo-Slavia's prettiest woman. No, that's not a Paris creation she's wearing, but part of the national costume of her country.

gets the mail first and would tear the answers up.

I have one child and so would accept small wages at first if I could get a permanent place. I graduated from high school and can cook and sew. I wonder if you could help me any?

YOURS TRULY,

I would advise you to advertise for a position, giving a newspaper box number in place of your name and address. You can get your answers from the newspaper office without your husband knowing anything about it.

With your ability and education, it seems to me you ought to secure a good position. I admire you for seeking work which will enable you to keep your child with you.

Sore at United States; Going Back to Cincinnati!

A Main street merchant was trying to explain the Indiana liquor laws to two Italian residents. One of them fired question after question at the merchant; the other stood by, silent. After the conversation had gone on for 10 minutes, the silent one burst out:

"I am sore at the United States. I go back to Cincinnati from where I came."

AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR PEOPLE

Regarding a New Health Discovery Made at One of Our Leading Medical Colleges.

It will interest the people to know that leading medical men of the country have for some time been advocating dietetic treatment—for weak, nervous, run-down, anemic conditions, for feeble old people, convalescents and delicate, ailing children rather than medicine.

Nutritional Science has now discovered an easy way of supplying the strength-creating, life-giving elements lacking in our daily food—for there has been tested and approved at one of America's greatest Medical Colleges a Nutritive Tonic Tablet called SUSTO which contains, in concentrated form, all the Vitamins of yeast, rice, eggs, milk, together with beef protein, nuclein and iron.

Therefore, if you need strength, lack energy, are nervous, anemic, run down, thin and ailing, SUSTO will nourish the shrunken tissues, create strength, build up shattered nerves and energy.

If you try it for one month, at a cost of 10 cents a day, and you are not in better health every way, weigh more, and feel stronger, your money will be returned. For sale by Clem Thisthwaite.—Advertisement.

PERU SALESMAN MISSING

PERU, Ind., Jan. 16.—No news has been received concerning F. A. Jones, local representative of a Chicago packing company, who has been mysteriously missing for 10 days.

Don't Let that Cold Get the Better of You

If that persistent cough or cold is fastened on you at this season of the year it may lead to serious results. Your doctor would tell you that the



soothing, healing elements in Father John's Medicine are exactly what he would prescribe for such a condition. The value of Father John's Medicine has been proven by more than sixty-five years of success. It soothes and heals the breathing passages and, because of the nourishing food elements it contains, helps to rebuild wasted tissue and gives new strength with which to rebuild health. Get rid of that cold or cough now, before it is too late.—Advertisement.

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John M. Eggemeyer & Sons
Bee Hive Grocery—3 Phones

BE SQUARE WITH GOD, IS PLEA OF BACKUS

"Be square with God as you would with your fellow man on earth," was the admonition of Rev. A. H. Backus in his evangelistic address at the Grace M. E. church Sunday evening.

"If we go through our daily walks of life and desire people to judge us as fair, square dealing men and women, we must recognize the great power of God Almighty."

"This is a beautiful, wonderful, magnificent and lovely world in which we live and enjoy the breath of the fresh air which is entirely free. All these things belong to God and if you enjoy them, breathe his air and live in the world which is his, you owe him one thing and that is some recognition for the wonderful things which he has given us."

"The nails in the hands and feet and the spear which pierced his side did not hurt nearly so much as the fact that despite all his suffering Christ had been shunned by all mankind. Christ died to save and to be turned down in recognition of this was more painful to Christ than all the suffering of the thorns about the head and the death on the cross."

"The least which we can do for God

MOTHER!

Clean Child's Bowels with "California Fig Syrup"



Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, a teaspoonful will never fail to open the bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste from the tender, little bowels and gives you a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

Advertisement.

Lukens' Favorite Cream for face and hands

A. G. Lukens Drug Co.
626-628 Main St.

Statement No. 3

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Without charge we will gladly examine yours, and if repairs are necessary our charges will be very moderate.

Don't put it off until the stone is lost. It is economical to have it done right by

Jenkins & Co.

See Wednesday Statement No. 5

TUBERCULOSIS MAKES MOST MEAT UNFIT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Tuberculosis heads the lists of diseases causing condemnation of meat carcasses as unfit for food, according to a report of the federal meat inspection bureau of the department of agriculture. Hog cholera and pneumonia are responsible for a large number of losses also.

Inspection is provided in \$39 plants, and 62,000,000 animals were inspected during the past year, both before and after slaughter.

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Apply thickly over throat—cover with hot flannel

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Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

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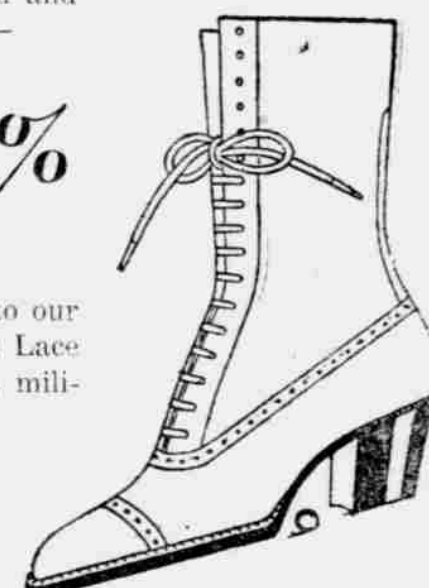
\$1.45, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95

This includes all top grade Boots in, black, brown and gray

Special discounts on Cuban and Military Heel Lace Boots—

10 to 20% Discount

This week we are adding to our list of sale Shoes all High Lace Boots in black and brown, military and Cuban heels (except light hand-turn shoes).



You'll need High Shoes during the cold and rough winter months. Buy them now at a discount.

Discount on all Rubbers and Felt Shoes and Slippers in the store. This includes Arctics, Alaskas, Plain Rubbers, Rubber Boots and Felt House Slippers.

Neff and Nusbaum

7th and Main

Everything—From Barbed Wire to Hot Water Bottles

WANT to see better? Get a portable lamp or a pair of opera glasses! Need better shade? Get a gas dome now or an awning later.

Are you in cutting mood? Get a pair of scissors this month or a lawn mower when the grass comes up.

Is there cleaning to be done at your house? Get some tooth powder today or a garden hose in the spring.

Where?

At any of the places whose "Articles For Sale" ads are appearing in The Merchandise columns of The Palladium's classified section.

These and many other articles you need are offered at very reasonable prices.

Get the habit of reading Classification 51!

Look Before You Buy—The "Eyes" Have It!
Turn to the Merchandise Ads in the Classified Section Today

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BEAUTY CHATS

EDNA KENT FORBES

IMPROVING THE EYELASHES

If you want to make eyelashes longer and thicker it will take about a year to do so. That is, you should continue your treatments over the period of a year and not expect any sensational results within a short time. In fact you must be prepared to have rather poor looking lashes for a while, because the first part of the treatment necessitates clipping them back.

Not only that, when you find that the lashes have grown to their normal length, you must clip them again. You will probably have to do this half a dozen times for about eight months. Then you can let them grow in.

Meantime, have made up the following formula:

Cocoa Butter 1 dram
Paraffin 4 drams
Lanoline 1/2 dram
Oil of sweet almonds,
English 4 drams

Roll oil 2 drops
This makes a somewhat stiff cream which is, however, very nourishing, as practically everything in it tends to grow hair. Incidentally, as this is very nourishing, it is a good thing to rub around the eyes if the skin is dry and there is any tendency toward crows' feet or wrinkles.

"A little of the cream can be warmed or it can simply be left on the skin a moment until it rubs in easily. Then rub it thoroughly all around the upper and lower lashes and around the eyebrows if you wish to make these thick. But be careful in this case, not to rub it over too much of the skin for you want the eyebrow to be slenderly arched and not too thick."

Margie—If your skin is yellow and you have dark rings under your eyes the trouble is with your health. You probably need a tonic for the liver and you certainly need a diet with less starchy food and more fresh fruit and green vegetables.

A Reader—The following is a formula for a very good nourishing cream:

Rose water 4 ounces
Almond oil 4 ounces
Spermaceti 1 ounce
White wax 1 ounce
Benzoin 1 dram
You can make this cream a little whiter by adding 30 grains of powdered borax.

Golden Haired Jane—If the ankles and the legs are too thin you are prob-



Use this nourishing cream.

ably under weight. Take olive oil and grape juice.

All inquiries addressed to Mrs. Forbes in care of the "Beauty Chats" department will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So, if a personal or quicker reply is desired, a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question.—The Editor.

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