

The Middle Ground
By MARION RUBINCAMJANE GOES.
Chapter 65.

Jane had decided—not to marry Donald.

It was the result of an evening with him, when he was in one of his strange, nervous moods. While Luther and his mother had been at the theatre, Donald dropped in to see Jane. He had come from a hard day; he was tired and unusually nervous, and irritable. He walked up and down the room, smoking one cigarette after another, full of his annoyance against one of the doctors in a hospital with whom he had been in consultation that afternoon; irritated because an inexperienced student nurse had upset some antiseptic over his arm; angry at the stupidity of an express company which delayed shipping some hospital supplies to him.

It was a day when everything "went wrong" and Donald, already nervously upset at Jane's indecision, was in a black mood. Usually Jane knew exactly how to treat him, how to quiet him without seeming to. But today, she, too, was upset. And when, tactlessly, she brought up the eternal "You'll tire of me if you feel tied to me," he answered,

"I suppose I shall."

And the result of this was Jane's announcement, in a tone of finality, "Then I shan't marry you."

And she felt as though she had cut herself off from everything desirable in life. And Donald paced the floor more nervously than before.

"After all, you don't really care for me very much," Jane said, watching him gloomily as he walked back and forth.

His answer was to catch her in his arms and hold her tightly against him, covering her mouth and her face with kisses, with an intensity of passion that was rare in him, and that fairly carried her away on a flood tide of emotion.

"Are you going with me?" he asked.

"Anywhere, anytime," she answered, her eyes glowing as she looked up at him.

So her decision was made to go. But still the sensitiveness lingered that being "tied" as she called it meant for him gradually to lose his love for her.

That night Jane and her mother talked late about her decision.

And Mrs. Talbot made a statement that sounded strange to her own ears as she heard it.

"I would rather you lived unconventionally with a man you loved, than to be married and live with a man you hated. That—the marriage relationship between two people who hate each other—is the real immorality, the greater evil."

"But the whole system of society is founded upon marriage. The purity of the race—which is one of your pet subjects, Jane—is built upon that. And who are you, or who is Donald, to break as great a law as that. The either of you think yourselves important enough to be exceptions to one of the great, fundamental laws of the universe?"

Mrs. Talbot had never put it like that before. And Jane, sitting silent for awhile, was impressed.

Jane's special course was over that week.

There was no reason why she should not go—none but the haunting fear that Donald would repent his desire to marry her.

"I have heard him talk so much about it, for years," Jane protested.

"You take him much too seriously," her mother answered, remembering something Luther had once said to her.

"Donald is very young, in spite of his doctor's degree and his very mature opinion of himself. Most men have a tendency to accept conditions rather than to rebel against them. You think Donald is different from most men."

"He is," Jane interrupted.

"That's because you are in love. I assure you he is not. Once you are married he will be quite as contented as the most ordinary domestic man. In any case, my dear, something has to be risked. Better risk marriage, which may be a great gamble, than any other arrangement, which would be a greater one."

"I won't have my family standing around at a wedding and I won't have a satin and lace wedding dress and all that nonsense," Jane declared. "You can save all that for Amy. I think marriages as they are done today are positively immoral. They are a relic of the dark ages. I don't want anyone to know about it, until long after it is all over."

"It's your marriage, arrange it whichever way pleases you best," Mrs. Talbot answered, putting aside with a little pang her desire to dress Jane just once, in the soft, feminine garb of the "conventional" bride.

Jane said nothing. But she began buying—not a tasseau, but tweed

skirts, and knickers and wool stockings for mountain climbing, and tailored blouses and other sturdy garments suitable for a rough outdoor life.

Then one afternoon a telegram arrived for Mrs. Talbot.

Tomorrow—A Visit to Claire.

Beauty Chats
By Edna Kent Forbes

Polish the nails daily

There is a good sound reason why the nails should be polished frequently. It not only gives them a fashionable gloss, but makes them stronger and will preserve their youthful looks all your life. A woman may grow old in every other way, but if she takes good care of her nails, they at least will always stay young.

Polishing the nails helps to do away with the ugly tendency toward ridges. It makes the nails pink by stimulating the circulation of blood under them, and it keeps them smooth and healthy by this same stimulation. This does not mean that the nails should be polished for a long period every day—25 or 30 swift strokes with a well-polished buffer are all that is necessary.

Some nails have a naturally high gloss. These should never have polishing powders used on them, for any powder of this sort is drying. There are nails that will not look well unless some artificial polish is used; but in this case, the powder should be washed off thoroughly and the nail made glossy again with a clean buffer.

Never use an artificial gloss which is painted on over the nails. This is a lazy habit and is bad for the nails. It will dry them out, and eventually will make them crack and become ridgy in appearance. According to all the good manicurists, the chief value of polishing the nails lies in the friction of the buffing. Using a glossy

paint or enamel does away with a beneficial habit and forms bad one.

Several people have asked whether a pink or white polishing powder is best. It does not matter in the least, as long as the powder is of good quality and is washed off before the final polishing.

Thank You, Miss R. S.—I shall be glad to mail you the formula for the eyebrows if you send me an addressed stamped envelope.

Busy Bee—Often when the bust seems too large in young girls, it is merely because they have not completed their development. Dress in some way that it will not be so noticeable, but you would do wrong to try to reduce.

Grateful—Always contract the pores after removing the blackheads. This can be done by dashes of very cold water, an ice rub, or using a mild astrigent such as witch hazel.

Inquisitive—it is not a serious thing for growing children to be slender; if they are in good health this condition can hardly be called underweight.

June—A red nose often comes from an impacted colon or a sluggish liver. Clear your system and form the habit of drinking plenty of water, which will improve this condition.

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. Send a postpaid envelope and a stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question. The Editor.

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Please give me your advice about whether it would be right for my fiance to buy me pretty clothes as I am out of a position at the present time. We are to be married in the summer. P. MAC.

No, it would not be right. Wear your old clothes until you are married. If he is very anxious to help you out of your difficulty, I would advise a quiet wedding at once.

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