

## The Middle Ground

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## A YOUNG CYNIC

Chapter 70

So Jane had gone—cheerfully writing back that she was giving them all the details, when in reality she was telling them nothing at all!

"What a way to get married!" Mrs. Talbot grumbled, having read the letter several times, perhaps hoping that more information might come from a second reading.

She really felt Jane was not married at all, probably because she was the sort that must experience a thing, or see a thing, before she could really believe it. Jane once laughed at her for that, and said she was of an "empirical turn of mind," a term of philosophy that meant nothing at all, naturally, to the mother.

Mrs. Talbot drew conclusions from her own experience, these conclusions she had, until recently, held as unalterable. From one or two experiences, which either she had gone through, or heard about, came a generality. The generality was a law after that.

She had not witnessed Jane's marriage. For weeks before it happened, Jane had protested that she would not marry Donald.

"It isn't at all the way a marriage ought to be," she complained to Amy.

There were two ways of bringing up girls, according to her standards. One was to leave them in complete ignorance of all the vital facts of life, on the theory that ignorance is innocence, and that the more one knows of such taboo subjects as sex, the more, unconsciously, one's mind is corrupted. The stricter adherents to this standard left their children in complete ignorance, which resulted disastrously in some cases. "Where the normal instincts are fully developed, and the mind is not given information to realize it, there's bound to be a disaster," Jane once said.

And where the girl, in blind ignorance of what she was doing, blundered and was found out, Mrs. Talbot, along with every one else, blamed the girl as being "bad" and never once put the blame upon the mother who had left her in ignorance.

Mrs. Talbot prided herself on being broad minded about these intimate subjects. She had imparted some small bits of information from time to time, not knowing that she was treating the whole subject of sex as something morbid and fearful.

Yet, because she had read occasional stories of a sentimental turn, she pictures herself before Jane's marriage as indulging in long and intimate talks with her daughter, preparing her mind for marriage and the changed life that marriage would mean. The summer before had been a great disillusion. For Jane's medical and psychological studies gave her a knowledge that her mother was certainly never likely to attain.

It was daughter, not mother, who imparted information about life, love and sex in the occasional talks these two had.

"It's a sacred subject," Mrs. Talbot said—having read that phrase often in these same sentimental stories, and not realizing that she was making it a morbid one by her attitude of timidity toward it.

But if she could not have Jane to talk to, at least there was Amy.

"She's 18, it's really time she knew something," she said to herself.

So, gathering up her courage—for it required courage to talk about it, she approached the subject with Amy.

Here she was met not with the shyness she expected of a "good and innocent girl, but with frank and an amused laughter.

"Goodness, mother, I knew all that in my cradle," Amy told her. "You should hear the things the girls back home used to tell me—of course they were mostly wrong; they really didn't

know anything much, they had a lot of awfully queer ideas! Of course they talked about it—just because they didn't know anything. If they had, they wouldn't have been interested in it."

And when her mother wondered at that, she went on—

"Thank heaven, Jane took me in hand and taught me something truthful. Jane let me read some of her medical books—you needn't look shocked, mother, why shouldn't she? I'll tell you this, she gave me a perfectly sane, normal, wholesome idea of it, not the distorted, morbid ideas the girls at home had."

The force of this logic had to be



## HOME FANCY WORK

There was never a time when a woman could make so many pretty things for herself with little expense or trouble. Old-fashioned fancy work was frequently very complicated and took a great deal of time and skill, but nowadays most effective dress accessories can be turned out with little trouble.

You would probably find that a snug little sports cap and scarf would be just the thing to wear this winter or next spring, to make an old suit look new and attractive. You should make it's of some color that just matches your eyes, or is a shade darker if you have light eyes and a shade lighter if you have dark eyes.

If you knit the cap and scarf don't use harsh wool, for this is trying. Use a soft, fluffy wool and work angora wool with it, to get a soft surface. If you are not skilled at knitting, you can make a cap and scarf that is every bit as effective, by buying a fuzzy, woolly cloth in a plain color or plaid and making the cap and scarf from that. A loose buttonhole stitch in wool around the edge, and an embroidered wool road in some corner, is all the finish needed.

You can make yourself very smart collar and cuff sets for a dark dress or a dark suit by buying a soft kid skin and cutting the collar and cuffs from that. These skins come in all sorts of bright shades and are the very newest thing in dress trimming.

A girdle of thin leather strips, plaited, with occasionally large gaudy beads, will bring up an old cloth dress. If you can embroider, coarse artificial silk will make effective patterns on dresses, waists or sweaters.

Miss J. K.—If you do not see any improvement in your complexion after taking the yeast cakes for several weeks, do not continue with them. Your pimples may be caused by some condition which is not corrected by the yeast. However, if you continue to eat improperly, even though you take the yeast, you cannot expect to be cured of this outbreak on the skin. Consult the doctor if these simple things at home do not relieve your condition.

B. J.—The use of cream is determined by the condition of the skin. If your skin is firm and finely grained without the use of cream, do not use it—but there are few skins that are not improved without a moderate use of some cream. In the case of older

admitted. After thinking it over for a day or so, Mrs. Talbot decided Jane was right!

And a day or two after that she searched her book shelves for some of Jane's books, and spent several afternoons alternately being shocked at the enormous frankness of the books, and admiring them for the clear and unemotional statement of the subject.

"As for me," said Amy with a grand air, "I have no romantic illusions about love or marriage. I'm going to marry Adam if I can, and I think I can. He's willing to give wealth for love and I'm willing to give love for wealth. Only he has real love to give me, and I haven't real love to give him. But I can pretend I love him, and as long as he doesn't find it out, I won't be cheating!"

A revolting vision of Adam's fat face and figure came up before Mrs. Talbot's eyes.

Tomorrow—Re-enter Dick

## Officers of Hollansburg Bible Class Elected

HOLLANSBURG, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Officers were elected and the annual report made at the meeting of the Builders' class of the Christian Sunday school, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClure.

Murray Keller was named president; Stanley Downing, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Chenoweth, secretary; Mrs. Harry Keller, assistant secretary; Mrs. Cora Chenoweth, treasurer; C. A. Thompson, teacher; Mrs. Harry McClure, assistant teacher; Herman Thomas, Hazel Thomas and Mae Downing, flower committee; Minor Myers, Hazel Myers and Harry Keller, lookout committee; Grace Whitman, Dale Williams, Fern Williams, social committee; R. E. Stuck, Marie Milton and Gevige Lielan, program committee.

## Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am engaged to be married and my fiancé's mother objects to the marriage although we have never met. My fiancé says he will not give me up. Do you think I should write to the mother?

ROSE MARY.

I would not advise you to write. After you are married you will probably meet the mother and at that time you can do your part to win her love.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young man in the latter part of my teens. When I meet a stranger and am introduced I am at once overcome with bashfulness. I can't help it, but I think they are my superiors (possibly they are) and I can't find words to fill my mouth. Please give me some advice on this subject, and a cure, if possible.

O. B. S.

Your bashfulness results principally from lack of experience in mingling with people. After you have been out more you will forget about yourself and have a natural interest in the people and things around you. I am sure that your mind can conquer in this matter. When you are introduced and find yourself overcome with bashfulness force your mind to think. If you try you will find it possible to enter into conversation. At first your effort will require great will power, but in a short time you will not find the effort so great.

## HARBOR COMMISSION.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 27.—A commission to be composed of representative leaders in the rail and shipping interests will be appointed by Mayor Brough to work in co-operation with the city government in the development and expansion of Toledo's harbor facilities.

## YOUR NEW SPRING FROCK MUST BE OF KREPE KNIT



Kreppe knit is the newest fabric for spring. It is being used to make lovely sport frocks and suits and to trim cloth suits. Here it is shown in combination with Canton crepe in an effective afternoon model. The color scheme is beige and black with a note of scarlet in the embroidery.

## PALACE — SUNDAY ELMO LINCOLN

in Edgar Rice Burroughs' great jungle tale

"THE ADVENTURES OF TARZAN"

## Dean of Indiana School of Religion to Speak Here

J. C. Todd, dean of the Indiana School of Religion, at Bloomington, is to speak at the First Christian church at both morning and evening church hours, Sunday.

Pictures of the school and of the work being accomplished will be shown at the night service. He is coming here under the auspices of the National Education association of the Christian church.

## Police Dismayed

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Dismay and other emotions swayed the sergeant on duty at police headquarters here yesterday when he picked up the phone and heard a hysterical feminine voice announce: "I have been attacked by a bull!"

"Whaddya mean, bull?" asked he. "No, no," the voice replied. "A kind of cow with horns!"

Whereupon a patrolman proficient in the use of the lariat was sent to the scene.

The disturbing bovine which had escaped from a herd at a steamboat landing, was corralled.

BOYS! Start training your hair. Tell mother to bring you to

## HARTER'S SHOP

In the Murray Bldg.

IT'S NOT A PIPE DREAM if your sewer or waste pipe is clogged

MEERHOFF'S "PRESTO" and Plumbing Service will really clear it.

Phone 1236 9 So. 9th St.

Prepared Lobster Salad

Prepared Chicken Salad

Boned and Skinned Smo. Herring

Pickled Walnuts

Pickled Lamb Tongues

John M. Eggemeyer & Sons

Bee Hive Grocery—3 Phones

CLOSE DAYTON DRIVE.  
(By Associated Press)  
DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Having secured a total of \$222,004 in Dayton, against the city quota of \$300,000, the active campaign for the University of Dayton extension fund has been closed.

## Luken's Favorite Cream

for Face and Hands  
Bottle, 25c  
A. G. Luken Drug Co.  
626-628 Main St.

## Statement No. 8

Did you ever think what a wonderful machine your Wrist Watch is?

Some of its parts are so small that it is difficult to see them with the naked eye.

Only experienced and expert workmen should be trusted with such an intricate and delicate machine if you expect service from it.

We are qualified to give results.

It is economical to have it done right by

## Jenkins &amp; Co.

Watch Monday for Statement No. 10

## Out They Go!

## The Greatest Sale of Newark Shoes For Women We Ever Held!

THE FAST WORD IN STYLE

PERFECTLY MADE

Never have we held a sale which aroused such intense buying interest as this semi-annual event now in progress. It is the talk of the town. And you will quickly understand WHY when you see the astounding values we are offering. There are thousands of pairs to choose from—all our own regular stock, smashed in prices regardless of cost or value.

EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED

PERFECTLY MADE

**\$1.98**

Values up to \$5

**\$2.98**

Values up to \$6

**\$3.98**

Values up to \$7

## A Sale Without a Single Drawback. Nothing Missing!

The selection is enormous—Boots, Oxfords, One and Two Strap Pumps and Sandals. Hand turned and welt soles: prime quality leathers—brown, tan and black calf skin, kid skin, suede, patent colt, patent kid—in all styles of heels, Military, Cuban, French and Baby Louis. All sizes and widths will be found in these big assortments. PROMPT SERVICE TO ALL. COME TOMORROW.

## Newark Shoe Stores Co.

The Largest Chain of Shoe Stores in the United States.

Richmond Store  
705 Main St.

Colonial Bldg.

All Newark Stores Open Saturday Evenings to Accommodate Customers.

## Be Careful What You Wash Your Hair With

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is Multisified coconut oil shampoo, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly and is soft, fresh looking, bright, fluffy, wavy, and easy to handle. Besides it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff. —Advertisement.

## Friday and Saturday

## SPECIALS

- Cane Sugar (with \$1.00 order) 5 lbs. for... **29c**
- Carpenter's Flour (with \$1.00 order) 24 lbs. for... **85c**
- Fancy Bulk Peanut Butter, pound... **18c**
- White Naptha Soap, 5 bars... **30c**
- Old Reliable Coffee, 3 pounds for... **\$1.00**
- Argo Starch... **25c**
- 3 packages for... **25c**
- Large 10c Rolls Toilet Paper, 3 for... **25c**
- Hood's Red Kidney Beans... **13c**
- Head Light Matches, 6 packages for... **35c**
- Hood's Fancy Corn... **18c**
- Large Bottle L. & S. Catsup for... **25c**
- Star Naptha Powder, 5 for... **22c**
- Creamery Butter, pound... **39c**
- Smoked Sausage, pound... **18c**
- Wieners, pound... **18c**
- Fancy Bacon, pound... **25c**

## MAHER'S GROCERY

329 So. 8th St.

Phone 6230

## January Clearance Sale Specials Saturday

These daily features afford an opportunity to buy seasonable merchandise at a saving the prudent buyers are not overlooking. For Saturday we feature the following:

## Ladies' Gingham House Dresses

Made of fine quality gingham; good, full sizes; our regular \$2.25 values—

Saturday - - - **\$1.98**

## Heavy Cheviot Shirtings

Medium and dark colors, worth 20c; Saturday, yard... **14c**

## Unbleached Muslin

36-inch regular 20c Unbleached Muslin, good heavy quality; Saturday, per yard... **15c**

## One Lot Slightly Soiled Bed Spreads

Formerly selling up to \$3.50, Saturday, each... **\$1.98**

## Heavy Huck Towels

Size 17x32-inch good heavy Huck Towels, regular 20c value; Saturday, each... **14c**

## 36-Inch Comfort Cretonnes

All good patterns, regular 30c value; Saturday, yard... **21c**

## Ladies' Fine Quality Italian Silk Pettibockers

Blue, green or purple, Saturday, each... **\$1.98**

O. N. T. Spool Cotton, Saturday 5c spool

## GEO. E. KLUTE

925-929 Main Street