

The Middle Ground
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NEWS FROM HOME

Chapter 74

Somehow, Jane's letter spoiled Mrs. Talbot's gentle romancing. She could no longer think of her daughter and her new son-in-law holding hands in the moonlight, after Jane's practical statement of how she avoided acting like a bride! But as she had to romance about something, she imagined them, first in a glorious hotel set in tropical scenery; then riding over the country on little gray mules, with native guides—and palm trees. Jane had mentioned them.

But it must be confessed that her picture was very much like a highly colored lithograph of "Life on the Western Plains" with red Indians stalking before the pack horses, while the palms looked extraordinarily like the ones that lived in little red buckets and adorned the edges of all properly furnished country porches.

"It would be nice in the mountains," she suggested to Amy one hot evening, as they sat in the dark living room, trying to keep cool. "It would be so quiet and restful. I'd like to go to the mountains."

Amy moved restlessly on the couch. "I'd like to go to some mountains—that is, if they had a huge modern hotel, and I could have a private suite and bath, and nice meals and someone to dance with every evening."

Amy's country scenery was always adorned with the gift of ultra-modern "improvements."

"You're getting spoiled," her mother commented. "A year ago you didn't have such ideas."

"A year ago I was dead," Amy answered crossly. "I suppose you want to drag me back to the farm now?"

The little woman sighed a trifle. "It would be cooler than town, and quiet. I've never been in the city in Summer. It's tiring. And that phonograph over the street plays all night."

Amy forgot her crossness, as she always did, when an appeal was made to her sympathies.

"It's my fault for spending all my money last Winter on myself," she said. "If I hadn't, I could have taken you off to the mountains. Poor Luther does more than his share as it is."

"I thought—we might go back for a few weeks," the mother said timidly, having worked up toward this suggestion with great care. "That is if father would have us. Luther's vacation is next week—three weeks. I'm getting a little tired in the heat."

"You and Luther go," Amy said, suddenly rebelling at the thought of the farm. "I'll go live with Claire, she won't mind. Adam's promised me a big party at the Gaiety Roof in two weeks."

Nothing more was wanted to complete Mrs. Talbot's resolution. She would go and take Amy—by force if necessary. A "big party"? Did that mean Adam would announce his engagement then? It would be like him—details only confirmed the mother's suspicion.

"He's going to hire the whole Roof for the night," Amy said, when her mother told her she must go home with her. "And ask everyone to know that is in town. I'll go the week after, if you'll put it off."

Mrs. Talbot had a way of getting around that. She produced "the letter that started Amy on her desire to go home. It was a penciled scrawl from the woman she had hired to take care of Jordan. It merely said:

"I'm expecting a baby soon, please tell me what to do."

Amy giggled at the wording, her good nature restored at once. "So you have to go home and look after fath-

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of 14 and am deeply in love with my boy four years my senior. I have gone with him nine months and because I speak and talk to other boys in his presence he gets jealous, but he doesn't think anything about it when he talks to other girls.

On the way home from a party the other night he kissed me. Is this proper? Is it proper for him to take me to the show and car riding?

What time should a girl of my age be at night?

I have no father and my mother doesn't know what I do. I am the only child. Should my mother know of my doings?

You should not let the boy kiss you. Kisses are precious and if you begin to accept them and give them away so early an age you will only have a cheapened love to offer your husband when you are old enough to marry. You are also too young to go to shows and riding with the boy.

A girl of 14 should be in as soon as it gets dark.

For your own good I would advise you to confide in your mother and tell her everything you do. She will understand better than you think she will and she will be able to give you good and sympathetic advice.

THREE-PIECE SUITS AND ONE-PIECE SILK FROCKS DIVIDE HONORS FOR AFTERNOON WEAR THIS SPRING



When milady selects her informal afternoon costume this year she will have to choose between the three-piece suit and the one-piece silk frock. Both are being fashioned in such a variety of bewitching modes that it will be difficult to make the choice. Here are three costumes from a leading New York house. At the left is the three-

piece suit of gray Canton crepe embroidered in blue silk and featuring a gray caracul collar. Coral silk makes the frock in the center and black baronette satin makes the frock at the right.

there is this tendency an astringent should be used several times each week, but the most important thing is to keep the entire system in good condition through proper digestion and elimination. A sagging face often means the body is storing up waste, depleting the muscular tissue. It is not a matter of age, and being 40 is not being old.

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

Called by Death

MRS. MAHALA RIDGE.

GREEN'S FORK, Ind., Feb. 1.—The funeral of Mrs. Mahala Ridge, who died Friday at her home here was held Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. Rev. Walter Strickler officiated.

ALBERT LEWELLEN

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Feb. 1.—An other death from influenza-pneumonia occurred in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewellen when they lost their son Albert, age two, Monday night.

This was two deaths in one day, Samuel Horace, age six, dying Monday afternoon.

Funeral services for both children

will be held at the M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. MARY ASHVILLE SCOTT

WINCHESTER, Ind., Feb. 1.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ashville Scott, 84 years old, was held Monday afternoon, from the Friends church. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Honour, and several step children.

DANIEL W. ROBINSON.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Feb. 1.—The funeral services for Daniel W. Robinson, 75 years old, who died Saturday were conducted from the Jericho church, east of the city, Monday morning, with burial in the adjacent cemetery.

CHARLES W. DAVENPORT

NEW PARIS, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Charles Warren, the seven weeks old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Davenport, died of influenza Saturday evening.

JASPER FRIST.

NEW PARIS, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Jasper Frist died at the home of his brother, W. O. Frist, Saturday and was buried in Springlawn cemetery Monday afternoon.

MRS. MARTHA LAIRD.

BROWNSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Martha Laird, 85 years old, died at her home in Brownsville, Monday, after a lingering illness of complication of diseases. She is survived by three sons, Wallace, of Illinois, Albert, of Texas, Jefferson, in the west, and one

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Sale of Blankets and Comforts

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Our intention in putting on this sale at this time is to make a quick clean-up of all the Blankets and Comforts we have in stock. In order to do this, we have disregarded the original cost of this merchandise and have priced them at figures that are far less than we will be able to replace them for next fall. It will be wise to select these Blankets and Comforts, even for next winter's use, at these prices.

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Some of these are bound ends

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Saturday is Positively the LAST Day for These Prices

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Man Who Came to U. S.
On First Passenger Ship
Able to Preach Sermon

(By Associated Press)

WEYMOUTH, Eng., Feb. 1.—A clergyman who as a boy of six crossed on the first passenger steamship to the United States 34 years ago, recently preached a sermon at St. Paul's church here.

He is the Rev. Vincent F. Ransome, aged 90, perhaps the oldest clergyman in the United Kingdom. He had to be

helped into the pulpit but his voice was still clear and strong.

He sailed for the United States in the steamship Sirius, which left England on March 28, 1888, the passage to New York taking about three weeks.

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