## A Letter That Came at Last

By Mary Kyle Dallas.

Regina Ramsen, having listened to the postman's whistle coming up the that." street, and hearing his step leave the next pavement, suddenly slipped her feet out of her pretty satin slippers and glided down the stairs beween her bedroom and the lower hall n her stockings, holding her robe so be heard against the palustrade.

"I heard him say he would write to ner," she whispered, between her white teeth, a gleam of jealousy in her large, black eyes, and a frown ipon her brow which spoiled her face, -I will know."

stood waiting-listening.

The postman's step advanced, his the box and he was off again.

eft was in Miss Ramsen's hand, in close relation-and-youier pocket, and she was running upstairs again.

Half-way up she met another girla young thing of seventeen, with flaxen hair, blue eyes, slender waist, lips tike facque roses, and a skin of that pure, healthy, creamy tint, more beauliful than the highest color.

"I heard the postman, Regina," she said, with a laugh. "So did I, Bessie," replied the brunette, "but there is no letter in the

"Oh, I am sure he whistled here," Bessie answered, and went on and peened into the box.

She returned disappointed.

"He said he would write"-she whispered to herself-"he said he would write."

Her chin quivered with disappointment, her eyes grew heavy. She would not cry, but she greatly desired to do

"Ah, well, there are more mails tolay," she said, and settled down to her sewing-work for her Cousin Regina-Regina was always having new dresses made. Poor little Bessle, the ooor relation of the family, was seidom without a needle in her hand in consequence. It was very rarely that she had a new dress of her own.

Happily she was so fresh and pret-'y, that the simple Little frocks that were now and then given her, muslins bought by her aust at bargain counters, or cheap woolens selling off

out of season, were all becoming. Regina, with her grand hair, had something condescended to tell her so in the first days of her presence in he Remsen residence, but of late, to the astonishment of the stately cousin and the stout aunt, others had observed the fact.

Roy King, who was not only the most eligible match in the Remsen social circle, but a very charming fellow beside, had been altogether too attentive to poor little Bessle of late.

They had lingered on the balcony tozether, and Regina had heard a whisper, which had set her to watching the letter box as we have seen.

Now behind her locked door, she held in her hand the proof that she was not mistaken. A letter on the paper Roy always used and bearing his seal, addressed to "Miss Bessie Benton."

For a moment Regania held it in her hand and hesitated. One may go to State prison for breaking the seal of a letter addressed to another. But Regina argued that no one would ever to stay?" know. That was all fair in love and

"Who knows what the little slypoots may be up to," she said to herself; "he was devoted to me before mamma asked her here. And if she is casting her nets for him I must know it." Then she cut the edges of the letter very carefully with a iny, pearl-handled knife, and the letter lay open before her. She read:

"Dear Bessie-May I call you so? I have tried to tell you how I felt to She thought of it as she sat alone in you so often, but there seems no opportunity for me on your aunt's recep-Lon evenings.

"On Thursday, unless you send me word not to come, I shall call on you particularly. I cannot endure this

suspense much longer. Roy King. "Yours devotedly,

Regina read this letter twice, flashing with wrath as she did so.

Then thrusting it in her pocket locked it behind her, much to that lady's astonishment.

"You startle one so," said Mrs. Ramsen, who was trying on a new ner. Tall people should never fly about like whirlwinds as you do, and at last I can right myself with Roy." am sure Roy King would be disgusted if he saw you like that."

vice. Somehow, no matter in what particulaar way, I have discovered that Roy King, who has seemed to to explain that by accident she had every one to come here for my sake, only received his note that day. who certainly did admire me, has been pewitched by that little snake, Bessie Benton. He intends to come here on side whispering words that made her Thursday to see her, to propose to her, mamma, and I-I--

Here Regina threw herself on the sofa and burst into tears. "I am so fond of him and he is so rich, and I'm so bitterly disappoint-

Regina," said Mrs. Ramsen. "How did Benton!" the other lady cried. "But "Perhaps it is all your imagination, you learn all that?"

about that, mamma," Regina answer- aloud: ed; "please accept it as a fact, and tell me how to prevent Roy King from

seeing Bessie next Thursday." "My dear, Bessie shall not see him here next Thursday," said Mrs. Ramsen, stepping back to get a better view of the new frizette. "I'll manage

That very evening she called Bessie into her room and thus addressed her: "My dear child, you have been here for nearly six months, and I suppose you are tired of being idle."

"Idle!" Bessie thought, rememberthat no sound of its flounces might ing that she had played the part of seamstress, chambermaid and errandgirl, without thanks or wages. But she said nothing.

"And of course I've been looking out for you," Mrs. Ramsen went on, 'and you have quite a talent for egular as were its features. "I heard dressmaking, and Madame Fleure nim, and I will know what he writes wants a young lady-some intelligent person who can speak French, as you Bending over the letter-box, she can-and she'll give board and a couple of dollars a week at first, and you'd better go to her; in fact, I've whistle sounded, letters dropped into written that you would. I'll take you myself tomorrow. Of course you are The next instant, whatever he had only my half-sister's orphan-not a

"I understand," said Bessie. shan't claim relationship, and I am very glad to be independent."

There was some scorn in her tone, but the haughty lady who listened did not perceive it; and meanwhile Bessie was saying to herself:

"Roy King has not written. If he was not in earnest, and was only flirting with the little poor relation of the house, I shall be glad to get away."

As she packed her trunk a few tears | side. fell upon its slender contents It seemd so hard to think that no one loved her, that they were glad to get rid of her, but she went away next morning cheerfully.

"I sat up nearly all night to finish parting from her cousin. "I hope for me please send them to Madame Fleure.'

She noticed that neither of them asked her to call.

They are ashamed of their poor and beautiful.

Ramsen received Roy King on Thurs- We must have chased her for a mile.

to her native village, you know. I the rails. It is mighty dangerous fancy there is a romantic attraction business, I can tell, especially in case there—some nice young farmer, I be of big animals, for a killing may mean lieve.

He was very much in love with Bessie, small things like cats and pigs 1 conquer the feeling. Bessie had given that I fancied I could hear "s deatn him to understand that she could not cry under the wheels, and somehow like him, he thought, and had told her it would break me all up for the rest aunt to let him know why.

For a few weeks he went nowhere. looked at the moon and sighed. Then to tell One of them gave this as his he began to call at the Ramsen's explanation of the peculiar persistence

cried a little at night, and of course of hypnotism caused by the combinareceived no letters.

Who will be an angel and stay leetle late to ripe this robe?" Madame rails marking out the course. To get Fleurs asked, one evening: "it is to away is the animal's first impulse. It be made over with velvet. Ah, how sees a level path in front of it, bound-I detest to make over. But Miss Ramsen is a good customer, and when she hind is the smoking, whistling monget married, as I suppose to Meestaire ster, which it must escape. Conse-King, zen I have her work. It is politic to oblige one who will be rich. You, haps a moment later, if it lives, the Miss Bessie, you will be so amiable idea flashes through its terror-stricken

"Oh, yes," replied Bessie. She sighed as she took her cousin's dress in her hands.

So she was to be married to Roy. Well, happiness was given to some people, sorrow to others. It was God's

will. How well she remembered that robe. Regina had worn it that happy day when she-Bessie, ran to the box often, hoping to find a letter from What a dream it all seemed. Roy.

the work room, snipping the stitches. A letter never came, never would fairy-tales were true, there lay a let-

ter in her lap. The dainty envelope she had dreamed of, her name in Roy's hand, his seal upon it.

"Am I crazy?" she cried. Then she recognized the fact that the envelope had fallen from the pocket of Regina's kindness-the highest type of canine again, she flew across the hall to her dress, and that it had been opened, mother's room, and shutting the door, and trembling with excitement, she painting, "The Child's Best Friend," read it through, kissed it and hid it rendered the species immortal. in her bosom.

"How cruel of her!" she sobbed. "She had it in her pocket when I passfrizette at the mirror. "Really, you ed her on the stairs; I know it now, should cultivate a more dignified man. but Satan has deserted her, and she has left it here for me to find. And

"Oh, mamma!" said Regina, testily, it, and only when her task was done 'don't preach, I'e come to you for ad- did she sit down to answer that letter. She told Roy nothing of Regina's conduct, and only said that she wished foundland life-saving station a new

> But Roy understood the situation. And so, in a few hours, he was at her very happy.

And before many weeks were over. that had just been dropped into the post box, uttered a loud, angry cry, and tossed the cards that it contained toward her mother.

"Impossible! Roy King and Bessie what is this written below the names?"

"You had better not ask questions She put up her eye-glass and read

"The letter that she watched for came at last."-Family Story Paper.

FLEEING FROM TRAINS.

Why Frightened Animals Ordinarily Keep Between Rails. Railroad men are still talking about

the race for life on a recent Sunday morning between a horse and a freight train across the long bridge which spans the Genesee river at Charlotte. says a Rochester dispatch of the New York Tribune. The bridge is nearly half a mile long, and the ties are open, leaving six-inch spaces, beneath which gleams the slow-moving river, but the horse galloped straight across the nerve racking path a few yards in front of the locomotive and only sank down when exhausted by fright and its efforts for safety. The train was halted within 10 yards of the poor creature. The horse was found uninjured, but every shoe was torn from his feet. A horse which had started with it fell and was cut to pieces.

What interests the railroad men in the case, besides the battle against such odds, is that it furnishes another proof of a pet theory of theirs concerning the action of animals caught on the tracks by fast-speeding trains. Engineers and motormen have formulated a theory which, they declare, has been so often proved that it might be called a law. It is this: They declare that any four-footed animal, be it cat, fox, dog, squirrel, cow or horse, which is surprised by a rapidly approaching locomotive, will seek safety in straight flight between the rails, when it could save its life by a simple leap to one

"I have started up rabbits," said a veteran engineer, "and they invariably keep to the centre of the track until run down. Sometimes at the very last moment they will leap to one side, but not often. Cats, which are pretty your lace cape, Regina," she said, on shrewd, in spite of assertions to the contrary, will flee between the rails you'll like it, and if any letters come in just the same way. Once when I was in the cab of an engine pulling a way freight between fast trains, I started a red cow which had strayed on the track through somebody's carelessness in letting down the bars of relation," she sighed, never dreaming her pasture. She had a fair start and that Regina could be jealous of her- careered down the track about 50 feet Regina, whom she thought so stylish alread of my pilot with head down and tail out straight behind. We had lit-How Regina laughed to herself at the time to spare, so I eased the engine the request Bessie had made about off a bit, and finally the old fool cut letters, and how charmingly Mrs. to one side and landed in the ditch.

"I have heard of western engineers "Bessie had gone home." she said. pursuing antelope for miles between a ditch for the engine and the cars on And Roy King listened and believed. top of yourself. It's bad enough with but as he walked away he strove to never yet ran down an animal but of the run.

Other old-timers have tales like this which keeps the frightened animals be-Meanwhile. Bessie worked hard, tween the rails: "I think it is a sort tion of fright, the straight level of the track and the gleaming lines of the ed on each side by straight bars. Bequently, it goes straight ahead. Perbrain to jump to one side, and it is saved. Too often, however, the straight line of its fight ends in a miserable death."

FAMOUS DOGB ARE EXTINC'I. Last of Newfoundlands Are Disappearing From the Face of the Earth.

Dog lovers are discovering with regret than one of the finest canine species has become almost extinct. The Newfoundland is practically no more in this country and in England. The fast-vanishing breed is native in the Island of Newfoundland, and old records say early settlers found the come now, and suddenly, as though Indians in possession of magnificent specimens. It is generally supposed, however, that the Newfoundland was the result of a cross of some English strain and the native dogs.

At any rate, this particular animal is celebrated in history as the embodiment of courage and intelligence and excellence. Landseer, in his famous

In spite of this, it is a fact that the valuable dog in its original habitat, is quite extinct. And he was most useful there, too, in saving drowning persons along the storm swept coast, where shipwrecks are frequent. Nevertholess, it is charged that it was It was hard to sit still and rip Re- through starvation and neglect that gina's dress after that. But she did these famous dogs died out in Newfoundland itself.

The British Government has lately been obliged to purchase for the Newbreed of dogs to take their places These are the Leonbergs, a cross between Newfoundlands, St. Bernards and the Pyreens wolf dog. They are the most powerfully built dogs in the world and stand more than four feet high. Those sent to Newfoundland Regina, opening a delicate envelope the British Government paid from \$250 to \$400 apiece for, and some specimens have sold as high as \$500,

> The sanitation of the city of Ahmedabad, Idia, is so bad that the mortality is 70 per 1,000, with no epidemic to account for it.



AS TO PERFUMES.

Perfume exercises a very material should therefore be chosen with delib- and in the morning makes the skin eration and discretion, if you want to be lovable and amiable. The hygienic value of a moderate use of good perfume is undeniable, and every woman should adopt a certain one and remain constant to it. Don't let it go beyond a suggestion. Slightly perfume all dresses, underclothing, writing paper, bed linen, beds-that is a new and delightful use for delicate sachet powder. A flat pad is laid between the mattress and the lower sheet sofa stock sounds all too stiff and heavy to pillows, etc., but never sufficiently to describe these dainty, ethereal bits. become very noticeable to others.

A violet-scented atmosphere, for instance, makes those who are surround- in front. To this she bastes around ed by its influence religious, affection- the top three rows of quarter-lack lace assuming dispositions who dislike fuss or notoriety.

Rose perfume is most frequently used by warm-hearted, imaginative temperaments who are inclined to ex-York World.

ENTER THE OVERSKIRT.

The Paris fashion expert of L'Art the front. de la Mode says: "The threatened overskirt, which has been announcing past three years without materializing is an assured fact. One designer alone shows three models to the early seekers for fall fashions. One of these is what we used to call in the late holds this transparent bit in shape. sixties a peplum form. The front breadth is a pointed narrow apron sloping sharply from the very bottom of the skirt and passing under a box plait on either hip-first hint of the panier-where it is about nine inches deep. At the back the upper skirt .s square and plain. The underskirt of this special model was kilt plaited. The sleeve is elbow length-the outer side formed of a box plait, to har- fad is likely to be a passing one, howmonize with the skirt-and hung per- ever. fectly straight over an undersieeve of white muslin and lace.

"The white undersleeve is one of the marked features of the newest models. It is indicated in the simpliest of elbow sleeves, although it is ate and peace-loving. Women of lovable natures are always fond of violet. Heliotrope generally finds devotees among the dainty, neat and rather un-

often but the tiniest of puffs, a strip of insertion and an edge of lane. "Another variation of the above model had a sleeve formed of a kilted ruffle just elbow length and worn over a lace undersleeve."

HINTS FOR FAIR SWIMMERS. Never hurry when you swim. If laines, etc. you do you will expend much effort for little advantage, and will not reach your goal any quicker than if you

followed a quiet, even stroke. Besides swimming on the chest one can learn to swim on either side, as well as on the back. This last method is not so tiresome as chest swimming, neither is it so rapid. The legs are exercised most when one is swimming on the side. When you wish to rest just turn on your back and float. This is the simplest lesson you can learn in the water.

It is well to observe geveral cau-Never swim directly before or after eating. Allow an hour and a half both

before and after meals. Until you become an expert swimmer always swim toward the shorenever away from it.

A short stay in the water is much better than a long one. Never try to swim when you are tired.

Never stay in the water when you silk. feel cold. After your bath take a little run on the beach before you dreat .- Ladies'

Home Journal.

WHERE A WOMAN SCORED. We all know that "when a woman lace insertion. says she won't she won't-there's an end to it," but the powers that be rarely care to accept the statement as a fact, though sometimes they have to. I was told the other day that an order was issued by a certain government that its officers were not to allow their wives to live at the station to which they, the men, were attached. Judge of the surprise of one of the authorities when he received a communication from the officer in command of a station to this effect: "It becomes my painful duty to report that my wife has, in disobedience of my orders and in the face of the regulations of the department, taken up a muslin frock. her residence on the station and persists in refusing to leave," says Woman's Life. The authorities did the graceful thing, and withdrew the regu- They were covered with white ruffled lation. I think that scores one for us, don't you? I also fancy that the husband scored, too, for no men care to have their wives with them so much as officers in the service, as they are so frequently compelled to be without

FOR A CLEAR COMPLEXION. Famous beauties nearly all units in giving testimony that a thorough steaming of the face at night is wonderfully effective in producing a clear complexion. This is done by holding the face over a bowl of hot water.

A certain amount of exercise is indispensable. Brisk morning walks, regularly taken and persistently adhered to, produce a healthy glow that defies artificial imitation.

Avoid rich and greasy fouds. Though it is practically useless to tell a woman | ends.

to adjure sweets, it may be suggested that they are complexion destroyers. and that the fewer one eats the fairer one's skin is likely to be, says Woman's Life.

Massage is recommended by many who have made a special study of the fine art of complexion preserving. A It gentle kneading of the face at night soft and healthy.

Over frequent washing of the face should be avoided. Some physicians insist that the face should be washed but once a day, and then in cepid water. It is understood that only the purest soap should be used.

MAKE YOUR OWN STOCKS. A certain pretty girl makes for herself the most fetching stocks--though

To start out she cuts a pattern out of paper. It has two little points down braid, just far enough apart to be feather-stitched together. Three more rows curve down to the front, which is in the shape of an inch square of some material. Two curved pieces of the travagance and have a disregard of material, with downward points in the more serious issues of life.-New front, at each side the square, finish out the affair. These pieces are about an inch in depth and extend around the neck at the base, except right at

One boasting particular chic has the lace braid feather-stitched together itself by numerous little signs for the with black embroidery silk, while the curved bands at the base and the little square at the front are of white linen, with a dainty sprinkling of black French dots. A couple of feather bones

NOTIONS IN LEATHER. Indications point to a wide vogue of leather flxings for autumn. Belts, wristbags, purses, chatelaines, etc., are now exhibited for the coming season in many and varied effects.

The prominence of green in the dress world has led to its introduction as the leading novelty in leather. This

Polar seal, a striking new effect, is one of the latest showings that promises to be very fashionable. It has a coarse, rather mottled grain, with the small excrescences more scattered than on the usual seal.

A greater vogue is predicted for colored leather than for black. Green will be first choice, then gray and then tan and black. The new shades of tan are quite different from the prevailing tints of last season. The correct shade now is on the pastel order. of a grayish hue that accords well with any shade of dress material.

Walrus, in an attractive dull gray finish, is to be very fashionable for belts, handbags, pocketbooks, chate-

A so-called "collar button" clasp, often gem set, is the latest for small

purses. The ever-popular wrist-bag is still with us in all the desirable leather. Its latest shape is rather longer and dceper than formerly, with the new straight top. Moire silk is one of the most favored linings for these bags, and oxidized silver trimmings the correct mode. Exceedingly attractive ones come in gray moire and with art nouveau oxidized silver mountings. There is an inner clasp purse in the

inside. Sole leather is smartest for traveling bags. The newest shape is a noncollapsible rigid one that opens like a trunk. It is claimed for this that it holds one-third more than the usnal kinds.-Philadelphia Record.

FASHION NOTES.

The old time lace edged balayeuse is again in use. Some are made of wash

Fans with a monogram painted in flowers were gifts for the bridesmaids at a recent wedding.

Dainty, thin gowns are of plain silk muslin with white ping-pong dous, their trimming being inlets of black

ground with a small knot pattern thrown on of blue and green silk. Fancy slippers become more elaborate and varied all the time. Some girls are embroidering their own dain-

A new tweed suiting has a dark

ty footwear. Shoes are being made this year of materials to match the gown. The favorite colors are deep green, brown,

red and navy blue. A scarf of black crepe with silk fringed ends and embroidered in silver was effectively caught with two silver buckles about the shoulders of

Parasols with long white handles were carried by the bridesmaids at a recent wedding instead of bouquets tulle and flowers. The more picturesque the belt buc-

kles the more a la mode they are They are jeweled in the art nouveau style, and to be had in gold, silver and steel, set with all kinds of stones. Snake belts are made in woven gold

and are quite elastic. A snake of dull gold with jeweled eyes often holds one of the fashionable choux. Very few skirts are to be lined this season and many will be mounted on

to yoke bands to secure the symmetery which fashion insists shall prevail about the hips. Foulard has been a very noticeable

feature on serge dresses and light cloth gowns and has been invariably used as a knotted scarf under the collar, or as a waistband with tasseled

## For the Household.

JAVELLE WATER.

To make javelle water, dissolve onehalf pound sal soda in one pint of boiling water and dissolve one-fourth pound of chloride of lime in one quart of cold water. Pour off the clear from both and mix. Bottle the fluid and keep it in a dark place.

STARCH FOR SHIRTWAISTS. Mix three tablespoonsful of starch with half a cup of cold water, and one quart of boiling water, and cook twenty minutes. Strain through cheesecloth and use hot. While cook ing, add one-half a teaspoonful of lard. or a small piece of wax, as this will help to keep the starch smooth and prevent it from sticking to the iron A wheat starch is considered best.

IN THE SEWING ROOM. In the sewing room of a new house whose mistress has been able to plan it exactly to her liking is set of wooden shelves, separated into compartments of varying sizes, which is pointed out to visitors as "the piece-bag." Into these convenient receptacles go all the odds and ends of materials that are usually made up into to bulky rolls and sorted into bags, or occasionally packed all together in a large basket. Either of the latter plans makes the pieces difficult of access and necessi tates frequently handling-the pigeon hole method being a great improvement, if it is possible to accomplish it

TRANSFORMING A HALL.

The commonplace narrow hall is, in most people's opinion, an "impossible" place to beautify. But try the effect of a white paper, white or ivory paint, and a white carved wood archway. The most ordinary hall treated in this way can be made to look pretty.

Instead of the archway-which however, is to be preferred-a brass rod reaching across the hall frem wall to wall could be substituted, with cur tains of some art material run on it

The archway can be placed either in the hall or at the end, just at the foot of the staircase. In either case it looks delightful, especially if (should the arch be sufficiently high) a swing ing lamp of wrought iron is suspend

ed from the center. Walls covered with tapestries or paper hangings are an invitation to mi crobes. On the other hand, walls covered with stucco or varnish can be readily cleansed of germs by washing. and possess the property of cleaning themselves.

CARE OF CUT FLOWERS.

People are beginning to realize that flowers have their feelings, like everybody else. If a rose cut from a bush is expected to preserve its sweetness and its charm of freshness it must be pampered and soothed with as much tact and discretion as one bestows upon a lay dog or a rich uncie. To cut a flower and stick it in a vase full of water is the conduct of barbarions and no self-respecting flower will endure such treatment beyond a few fad ing hours. But though we were per fectly aware of this rudimentary fact, we must confess that the subtlety of the modern vase-decorater was hidden from us. Partially faded flowers, we learn from a contemporary, will revive if placed in flat dishes with wet sand. A little finely powdered charcoal may occasionally be administered to drooping buds with excellent effect; in this case the stalks should be al lowed to rest on the charcoal. Carbonate of soda dropped in the water of the vase will keep even delicate Towers in the pink of condition forsome say-a whole fortnight. Half an inch cut from the stems of faded flowers, followed by an immediate plunge of the stalks into quite boil ing water, will cause them to bloom again with all their pristine freshness. By these, and other means, the cun ning housewife keeps her rooms beautiful, and-what is infinitely more to her credit-the bills of her husband down. May she find imitators.-Lon don Globe.

RECIPES.

Calf's Liver Stewed .- Cut the liver in thin slices; put in the stew pan one medium sized onion, a pinch of sage, salt and pepper to season; scald the liver by pouring boiling water over it; put it in the stew pan and barely cover with boiling water; cover and let simmer for two hours; just before serving add one tablespoonful each of butter and four that has been stirred over the fire; stir the stew until thickened; serve very hot.

Quaking Pudding .- Add to one cup ful of grated bread crumbs four well peaten eggs and one tablespoonful of rice flour; stir this into one quart of milk and add one teaspoon of salt and the grated rind of half a lemon; turp his into a buttered mould or bowl and steam for two and one-half hours; serve with any fruit sauce.

Steamed Graham Bread.-Mix in a bowl one and three-fourths cupfuls of Fraham flour, three-fourths cup of In lian meal, one and one-half level teaspoonfuls of baking soda, one teaspoon of salt, half a cup of molasses, one and two-third cupfuls of milk; peat well and pour into a covered mould; steam one and one-half hours.

Roasted Tomatoes.-Peel the tomacoes; cut a slice from the top and ake out a little of the pulp; put a sit of butter and a pinch of salt in each cavity; replace the top, sprinkle with crumbs, pepper and salt; brush each tomato with melted butter; roast n a moderate oven.

The young man who is a slave to his best girl is a miss-guided youth.