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MRS. BOWSER'S STORY

Mr. Bowser Is Going to Write One to Beat It. By M. QUAD.

"Mrs. Bowser!" It was Mr. Bowser who spoke, and in such a deep, bass voice as made the piano tremble on its legs. Mrs. Bowser looked up inquiringly. "A great mystery hangs over this house. That mystery is also full of deception. I want it solved, right away. I want to know what has been going on in my own house."

"State your case," replied Mrs. Bowser, but in tones that showed she was somewhat frightened. "You ran in to see Mrs. Green a few minutes last evening. While you were absent I picked up a magazine of the piano. I am not much of a reader of such things, as you know, because their contents are mostly gush. I just wanted to look at the pictures to while away the time. On opening a magazine I found a letter. It had been opened. It was addressed to Miss Jean Carew, at our street and number, and pulling forth the letter, I found it was from the editor of the magazine. He had accepted a story and sent a check for \$30 in payment. Do you know any young lady named Jean Carew?"

"Why—why, I was going to tell you all about it," said Mrs. Bowser. "The editor of the magazine said he wanted stories. I thought that I could write one to suit him, and so I sat down and dashed off one. I did not wish to send my own name as authoress, and so I took Jean Carew. You see, he accepted my story and sent me a check, and I was going to ask you to get it cashed for me. Is there any great mystery about that?"

"Mrs. Bowser, let us look into this thing. In the first place, you wrote this story without saying anything to me about it. In the next place, you took another person's name, and thereby deceived the editor and the public. In the next place, I have read your story, and it is the most nonsensical thing I ever read. It is all mush and gush. The editor must have gone crazy to accept such a story. You have swindled him out of \$30 and you should send the check right back!"

"Why, Mr. Bowser, you talk very strange!" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser. "The editor of the magazine is supposed to know what is good and what is bad. He thought this story of mine good enough to publish, and was worth the check he sent me. I don't praise it much myself, but I don't think you ought to condemn it as you do. Mrs. Green and two other ladies read it, and it brought tears to their eyes."

"Bosh—nonsense! A woman would shed tears over most anything. Your story had a hundred faults. There is no plot and no strength. You did as well as you could, but I am not going to have it known that the wife of Samuel Bowser is writing such gush for publication. It shows a weak brain, on your part, and laxity on mine. People will ask why I don't forbid you. Hereafter all the stories written from this house will be written by me. Any checks coming in will be placed in my hands."

books, and she hires a team and driver, and she drives to the headquarters of the Pawnee tribe. The chief of the tribe is a gentleman named "Kicking Horse." He is willing to accept the Bibles and hymn books, but he is also willing to accept the fair hand of our heroine. He makes this known to her. He cannot have her hand. It is promised to a pawnbroker's assistant in Boston, and she is a girl who never goes back on her word. Old Kicking Horse gets mad, and he gives her an hour to think it over. In the morning, if she does not marry him, he will roast her a beautiful brown at the stake. Isn't that a mighty good plot, so far?"

"It's very thrilling," answered Mrs. Bowser, "but go on." "When night comes," continued Mr. Bowser, "Old K. H. goes to the maiden's tent and demands that she either roast or marry. If you were writing this story, you would have about a barrel of tears at this point, and your poor maiden would faint away and remain unconscious for about three weeks. See how I do it. Quicker than lightning she draws two automatics from her pocket and points them at the naked breast of old K. H. and, in tones which cannot be mistaken for love tones, she says: 'You are standing on the verge of the grave! You go! Turn your face

to the west and walk right off! About three miles away is a tree. Walk to that tree. I shall be close behind you all the way, and if you do not keep your arms above your head I will fire 18 bullets into the back of your neck. Tell your people not to attempt to rescue you. Now, get along with you!"

"Isn't that natural, Mrs. Bowser?" "Very much so," she assented. "We now turn to the pawnbroker's assistant. Not hearing from the girl by postal card, he gets anxious and fretful. He hires a flying machine and goes West in search of her. He arrives in the Pawnee country just as she is walking old K. H. across the plains. The machine comes to a stop beside her. He smiles and extends his hands. She jumps in beside him, and before old K. H. knows anything about it they are five miles away, and speeding for Boston, where they don't lose ten minutes in getting married. It is such stories as this, Mrs. Bowser, that will rebound to the credit of our house. I go to write it! Do not come into the library on any excuse whatever. I will finish this story so I can mail it in the morning. You may go upstairs now."

Mrs. Bowser went upstairs, laughing to herself all the way, and Mr. Bowser sought the library. He opened a fresh bottle of ink and got down about 200 sheets of paper. At midnight, not having heard from him, Mrs. Bowser softly descended the stairs, and softly opened the library door. Mr. Bowser sat in the chair asleep. He had simply written: "By thunder! What ails my brain tonight!"

Mrs. Bowser gave him a shake and he followed her upstairs to bed. He was asleep in about three minutes, but the old story gripped him and he called out: "Do your worst, you savage monster! Never will I marry a Kicking Horse! Never, never, never!"

INCREASE CHILDREN'S MILK BY PUTTING IT IN MANY DESSERTS



It's a "Party" When You Have Ice Cream and Cake—Any Child Knows That.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. "But, Mother, I don't want any milk." "Please, darling, it's so good for you. Drink just a little for mother, now." "I want my dessert."

"Very well, then. As soon as you drink your glass of milk you shall have your pudding. It's tapioca cream today, with dates in it, and a meringue on top," says mother persuasively. "Just a little glass, and I will." "Half a glass is better than no milk. How many other mothers can recall a conversation like this from which they have not emerged victorious? They may borrow a hint from the bride offered; stubborn little Tommie does not realize that his favorite desserts may be made with milk, and that half a glass in liquid form plus a cupful of pudding is really a very satisfactory amount of milk for lunch. At dinner time perhaps there will be a milk soup, or creamed carrots, but that is another story. Nutrition specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture consider that even when part must be cooked, the child is the gainer from an increased use of milk. Having more milk desserts for the family is a successful and inconspicuous way of inducing the finicky children to take their share. Skillful flavoring and attractive variations will enable the home cook to evolve many different dishes from very simple materials.

"Little Miss Muffet," who "sat on a tuft, eating of curds and whey," was probably eating junket. This old-fashioned English dessert has been coming into greater favor in America, and should rejoice the heart of the busy mother, for it can be made in a few minutes. Junket is simply milk curd separated by rennet, as in cheese making, and eaten before the bacteria that give the cheese its flavor develop. There are a number of preparations of rennet in liquid and tablet form on the market. The milk is flavored, sweetened, and heated lukewarm, when the amount of rennet indicated is added. Vanilla is often used, but chocolate, caramel and other flavors are sometimes better liked.

Blancmange Pudding. Blancmange is practically flavored milk jellied with cornstarch, arrow root, Irish moss, or some similar material. When gelatin is used, without eggs, to stiffen the milk, the result is sometimes called "ivory" or "velvet" pudding. A blancmange or ivory pudding into which egg whites have been folded is often called a "snow" pudding. All of these puddings are excellent served alone, with plain or whipped cream, or with stewed or crushed fresh fruit poured over them. Maple syrup and honey are good when other sauces are not in hand.

Butterscotch Blancmange. 1 quart milk, 1 cupful brown sugar, 6 to 8 level spoonfuls 1 tablespoonful butterscotch, 1/2 teaspoonful salt, 1/4 teaspoonful vanilla. Wash the rice, add the other ingredients, pour the mixture into a good-sized baking dish, and cook in the oven slowly for about 2 or 3 hours, stirring it frequently. If allowed to cook slowly, the milk thickens to a creamy consistency and the rice swells to several times its original size. If double the quantity of rice is used, the mixture does not require such long cooking, as the rice in swelling thickens the liquid more rapidly, but the product is not so creamy. Often a half cupful of raisins is added to the pudding and allowed to cook down with the milk.

Farmers' Bulletin 1195, Rice as a Food, gives this delicious "poor man's pudding" without eggs, as well as many other combinations of rice and milk. Corn meal, cooked similarly in milk, sweetened with molasses, was the basis of "Indian pudding," for which a recipe can be found in Farmers' Bulletin 535. Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It. At the other end of the scale of milk puddings must not be forgotten the unwavering popularity of ice cream. It is not necessary to reserve ice cream for Sunday dessert. Any lunch or supper in hot weather is appropriately completed by a dish of ice cream, and to the children it matters not what the rest of the meal consists of. It's a "party" if there is ice cream of any flavor, and perhaps a piece of cake or a cookie. And finicky Tommie never refuses milk in this form.

DELICIOUS POTATO DOUGHNUT
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