

The Lass Who Loved a Tailor

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WHEN a young man has, with difficulty overcoming a naturally modest disposition, asked a very wonderful girl to marry him, it is bitter indeed when she gently rejects him, and flatly refuses to tell the reason why.

"Then you do care for me?"
"Not exactly—"
"Not enough, you mean?" His voice was bitter. He looked very handsome, this tall, well-dressed young man, who had fallen in love with Betty Clarkson. He tried to remember when their idyllic friendship had cooled—was it when he had confessed that his father was a millionaire? He laughed at this thought—why, any girl would be an idiot to refuse a man because of his money—besides, it wasn't his money, it was his father's—and if anything should happen to the fortune—he would be poor—Abner wondered if she would like him any better. He would ask her!

It was in that acute moment that Abner Wray's modesty left him—his diffidence became a thing of the past. "Betty," he said mildly, "would it make any difference if I told you that the money all belongs to Dad? Personally, I am a poor man—a mere employee. Like me any better?" he asked wistfully.

The blue eyes flashed through tears. "Oh, Abner, can't you see that I do love you—only I cannot get rid of the idea—the association of your father's business!" There, it was out at last.

Abner was dazed. "Association? Business? Idea?" he gasped. "What's the matter with the wholesale tailoring business?"

"Nothing, Abner, only—you said your father began business as a custom tailor," she stammered.
"So he did, and a good one, too!" he growled aggressively.

"Well, it's that—the idea!"
"What idea?"

"I cannot help it—but I always think of your father sitting cross-legged on a table and sewing!"

Abner could remember that, too, and it was a family joke that the dignified Mr. Wray could sew on his own buttons if it was necessary—but of course it wasn't necessary. Abner wondered how he had ever fallen in love with a girl so utterly foolish as to object to that, then he looked down at her forlorn little figure and longed to put his arms around her. His mouth was set in a bulldog firmness.

"See here, Betty, perhaps you can visualize me sitting cross-legged on a table sewing—and if you can't hold that picture in your mind and love me just the same—why, I don't want your love! I want the kind of a wife that's so crazy about me that she can see me through the husk of whatever honest occupation I have! Even circus clowns have been loved by women."

There was a painful silence.
"Shall I go?" he demanded.

"Please do," she said brokenly, and he went, holding his proud head high, and not looking back once.

After that, time dragged slowly for Betty in spite of the fact that she was extremely popular, and was invited everywhere. Her father had patted her on the back and told her to cheer up—that the right man would come along very soon. "I must say you will never find a finer man than Abner Wray," he added seriously.

Betty did not dare tell her people her real reason for refusing Abner. She seemed to be learning something new every day—she had heard someone say that all our great captains of industry had begun as apprentices, and no one respected them the less.

But to try and visualize Abner sitting cross-legged on a table and sewing a buttonhole made her feel quite ill. It made her feel worse not to see Abner at all! Then, she read a clothing advertisement in the newspaper. There was to be a demonstration of Wray-made custom-tailored clothing—one of the features of the display week was to take place in a large front window of the clothing store. A skillful man tailor would sit there in full view of the public, and make a suit of clothes.

"I will go," said Betty firmly, "and I will look and look at that tailor and see if I really can love Abner and not be ashamed!" All of which sounds foolish but Betty came of a long line of ministers and lawyers, and her pride was high.

At first she paused across the street from the clothing shop, her heart beating thickly. "I cannot really see—I must look right at them," she said to herself and crossing the street joined the crowd.

The man sitting cross-legged on the table looked up and Betty gasped. It was Abner Wray himself, handsome, graver than when she had last seen him, but Abner, the man she loved above everything. She ignored the needle in his hand, the shears beside him, she only knew that he had given her another chance! All she saw was Abner Wray and nothing mattered except that they loved each other. He was gazing at her. She smiled tremulously and her hand went to her throat.

Suddenly the handsome tailor disappeared from the window and another took his place. Nobody noticed when Abner Wray rushed from the store and grabbed her arm. "Come!" he said, "My car is here," and Betty joyously went!

FINISHED FLOORS KEPT IN CONDITION

String or Cloth Mop Is Almost a Necessity.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Finished floors can be kept in good condition with a comparatively small outlay of time and strength, but the method must be adapted to the kind of finish, says the United States Department of Agriculture. A string or cloth dust mop, such as is shown in the illustration, is almost a necessity in the home where the floors are varnished, waxed, oiled or painted. A cotton flannel bag may be drawn over the broom to serve the same purpose, but is not so convenient.

When the surface of the floor that is not covered by rugs is merely lustrous, such a mop enables one to go over it quickly and easily. The mop should not be saturated with oil but



Going Over the Floors With a Dust Mop.

may be slightly moistened with floor oil or kerosene unless the floor is waxed. If it is necessary to give a floor a good oiling, another mop or wooten cloth should be used and kept especially for the purpose.

In general, varnished floors retain their color and luster better if no water is used on them, but if very dirty they may be wiped with a cloth or mop wrung out of warm soapy water, wiped dry at once, and polished with an oiled cloth or mop.

Waxed floors should be swept with a soft brush or mop entirely free from oil. Oil softens wax and should never be used on it in any way.

When a waxed floor becomes dull and grimy it should be given a more thorough cleaning with a cloth wrung out of warm soap water, or better still moistened with turpentine or gasoline. Both turpentine and gasoline are very inflammable, however, and should not be used in a room where there is an open flame of any kind. After the waxed floor is cleaned, rub on a new thin coating of wax and polish with a weighted brush or a woolen cloth.

Oiled floors should be swept with a soft brush and dusted with an oiled cloth or mop. They may be cleaned occasionally with a cloth wrung out of warm soapy water and then polished with a cloth moistened with kerosene or a good floor oil. Excess of oil should be avoided. Water and soap should be used very sparingly on oiled floors. Similar treatment is used for painted floors.

Various Excellent Uses for Cooked Rabbit Meat

Cold cooked rabbit may be ground up and used just as chicken or other cooked meat is used for hash, croquettes, shepherd's pie, or similar dishes, points out the United States Department of Agriculture. Meat loaf or meat balls may be made of raw chopped rabbit meat in the same way as beef or veal. Sausage cakes may be made from two-ground rabbit meat with any preferred seasoning. If pork flavor is desired one part fat pork may be mixed with two parts ground rabbit meat. Very good sausage flavor will result from mixing the following proportions: three pounds twice-ground rabbit meat, one minced onion (which may be omitted), one tablespoonful salt, one teaspoonful pepper, one and one-half teaspoonfuls powdered sage, one bay leaf, pinch each of thyme and allspice, four to six tablespoonfuls finely crumbed dry bread or cracker crumbs, one beaten egg, and one-half cupful of rich sweet milk.

Lettuce Is Favorite of All Salad Vegetables

Many home makers think that a salad without lettuce is as impossible as an omelet without eggs. Though strictly speaking a stalk of celery or a radish eaten with salt is a salad, lettuce is the prime favorite of all salad vegetables. It is also one of the green-leaf group that contains vitamins and minerals. Like the others it supplies bulk too and so helps to keep the food moving through the digestive tract in a healthy way. Lettuce by itself is so mild in flavor that it needs a well-seasoned dressing. Adding a little Roquefort cheese to French dressing or grating a little American cheese over the top after French or mayonnaise dressing has been added is an easy way of giving appetizing flavor to a plain lettuce salad.

PLAN FOR FRESH VEGETABLES FOR TABLE



Kitchen Garden on a Utah Farm.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

When you lay out your garden this spring be sure to allow for plenty of fresh vegetables for the table during the summer, as well as some for canning and some to store for winter use. Two vegetables other than potatoes should be served every day, according to nutrition specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, to supply an abundance of vitamins in the diet. A salad of raw vegetables, or lettuce and fruit, may be counted as one of these vegetables, and if taken in addition to the other two vegetables suggested it increases still further the chance that sufficient vitamins are being provided.

Succession of Crops.
Plant the garden with one eye on the menus. Certain crops like snap beans, lettuce, peas and spinach can be planted at intervals throughout the season, and consequently they will seldom be missing from the family table, after the first crop has matured. A number of crops can be given a start of ten days to three weeks if the seeds are planted in a window box or "flat." Tomatoes, cabbage, peppers, eggplant, cauliflower and lettuce can thus be started early.

A small garden is not hard to take care of if it is carefully planned on paper before it is set out. On the farm a good-sized space can sometimes be devoted to what is usually known as the "farm" or "kitchen garden." A garden planted in long, narrow rows is easiest to cultivate. One long row may have several different vegetables planted in it.

Economize on Space.
Plant only such vegetables as will yield good returns for the table in proportion to the space they occupy. If available ground is limited. Potatoes, corn, cucumbers, melons and peas require considerable space. Lettuce, spinach, beets, carrots, snap beans or tomatoes are more economical of space and therefore adapted to growing in a small area.

The individual tastes of the family will, of course, determine largely what is to be planted in the garden. All the green-leaf vegetables, such as spinach, cabbage, kale, Swiss chard, beet greens and lettuce, are rich in vitamins. Carrots, rutabagas, tomatoes and string beans are also excellent. All vegetables furnish minerals and roughage as well as vitamins, and so are important in the diet of most persons.

Current Wit and Humor



AGREEMENT

Mr. Murphy was taking his first flight in an airplane. The pilot was taking him over San Francisco and when they were about 3,000 feet up the plane went into a nose dive.

"I'll bet 50 per cent of the people down there thought we were falling," the pilot remarked.

"Sure," answered Mr. Murphy, "and I know damned well 50 per cent of the people up here thought so, too."—Success.

DIDN'T DRESS SWELL



Mary—Does he dress well?
Alice—Dress swell? I should say not! His wife does all the swell dressing in that house.

Landing a Passenger

Ruth rode in my new cycle car
In the seat in back of me;
I took a bump at fifty-five,
And rode on ruthlessly.

What's in a Name?

"My niece is quite theatrical," remarked old Mrs. Blunderby. "Next week she is taking part in a Shakespeare play at college."
"Which of his plays is it?" her caller asked.

"Edith mentioned the name of it, but I'm not sure whether it's 'If You Like It That Way' or 'Nothing Much Doing.'"

Mental Control

"The next thing, I suppose," growled Mr. Grump, who thought his liberties were being tampered with, "they'll be controlling a man's thoughts by government edict."
"They're doing that now indirectly," answered his companion. "I spend most of my time thinking about how I'm going to pay my taxes."

A New Brand

Customer—Give me a gossiping sheep's head.
Butcher—What kind is that?
Customer—Just take out the brains and leave in the tongue.

Riddle

"Barbers must be bigger than bakers."
"Why?"
"They're strapping fellows, all of them."

MIGHT GET STUCK



"She has sharp ears."
"Avoid whispering in them then—you might get stuck."

One Male Job They Shy At

"Mong wonders that you'll find are missing? Are women who will gladly listen."

Cheer Up

Aunt Susanah—Such a dress! why, the ideal! I'd be mortified to death in a dress like that!

Phyllis—Yes, I expect you would, but don't feel badly about it, Aunt Susanah. A person's figure can't be helped.

Saving It

Olliver—Why don't you brush all that stuff off your coat sleeve?
Ted—No, I'm going to keep that school-girl complexion!

The Queen

"Why do they always give a show er to a girl who is going to be married?"
"Merely a quaint old custom to symbolize the beginning of a reign."—Exchange.

Small-Talker

"Would you call Mrs. Chatters a good talker?"
"No. Good talkers get their tongues and their brains to collaborate."

If Back Hurts Begin on Salts

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

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Helping the Dream Along

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He's Been Told

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