

The Fable of the Right One for Kirby

By GEORGE ADE

ONCE there was a prominent and unduly prosperous pair and after a time there appeared in their home something that answered to the Name of Kirby. To the intelligent Reader much will be conveyed by the simple statement that he was an Only Child. And, as so often happens, his enraptured Parents seemed to believe that he was the Only One in the World.

There is an Old Saying that every Mother thinks her own Goose is a Swan, and to carry the same Thought a little further it is not surprising that in this case the overjoyed Parents looked at their cunning little Noodle-Head and saw in him the budding Greatness of Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare and Douglas Fairbanks, all packed into one Parcel. Those who have made a careful study of the ill-favored Children of the unusually Rich must have been, at times, oppressed by the Thought that Washington struggled and Lincoln suffered and countless Brave Men faced the Dangers of Border Warfare in order that the more recent Specimens of the Rising Tide may sleep under Velvet Hangings in gaudy Palaces and have Serfs to wait on them, while all the Courts are organized to protect their Property Rights and large detachments of Motor Cops are stationed on the Highways to prevent them from committing Suicide.

Now, as this Piece of Veal emerged from the Nursery and began to be talked about in the Neighborhood in which he lived, it was not evident that he had any Characteristic Trait of any particular kind except a sublime Faith in his own Superiority.

Shooting Would Be Merciful. The Surface of the Earth and the overhanging Firmament and the twinkling Stars had been assembled into a Stage Setting in preparation for his Entrance upon the Scene.

At the age of Fourteen he spelled it with two Ts but he had a magnificent Contempt for all Persons who were either older or younger than himself.

For a Youth who had the vivid Personality of a Mud Turtle, the moral Fiber of a Fish Werm and the nimble Wit of a Last Year's Bird Nest it was surprising how many Folks noticed him and discussed him. There was a good deal of arguing back and forth about Kirby.

Those who had him directly under Observation couldn't seem to agree. Some said the Thing to do was to stand him up against a Wall and shoot him. Others stood out for Cyanide of Potassium. A third Faction favored throwing him from a high Cliff on to some jagged Rocks below.

At the Age of 22, when Kirby was a rare Orchid to his Mother and a String of Garlic to the World in General, his Custodians began to work on what was known as his intellect in order to induce him to formulate and sort of get together an idea in regard to getting married.

No sooner was it whispered around that the Bermuda Prince was on the Market than a lot of apprehensive Parents got ready to secrete their eligible Daughters or hand them over to the first Applicants or do something desperate in order to save them from a Living Death.

Home Talent Not Worthy. They need not have had any Treasures, Kirby and his Mammy, with the Face which had been hoisted by a Plastic Surgeon, and Papa, who had inherited so much Jack that he could wear side-whiskers, all agreed that there was no Deb, Sub-Deb, Flapper, Cutie, or Damosel within a Radius of Fifty Miles who was sufficiently beautiful and talented and socially prominent and loaded down with Assets to qualify her to stand alongside of the World's Best and receive a Life Sentence.

No use talking, any Woman worthy of Our Kirby would have to be out of the Ordinary. So they took him to Florida where the Picking was said to be good.

There is no Truth in the Report that they transported him in a Crate and occasionally pushed a Marshmallow to him, through the Bars. The Boy was very bright and snappy. He could go into the Diner, all by himself, and order Food unless he had to write it out, and often he would sit on a Chair and hold a Morning Paper in front of Himself and decide that most of the People in the World were very crude and everything that happened was awfully silly, after which he would smoke a Pill, always getting the Right End in his Mouth, because the Ends were similar. Of course, if they had permitted him to use Cork Tips, the Results might have been serious.

From all of this foregoing Blurb and Blah it will be gathered that much depended upon finding some Sweet Girl who was worthy, in every way, of the Lollipop. It would have been a shame to let the Breed die out just as the Universe, is facing so many intricate Problems.

The Girl Who Didn't Know a Good Thing When She Saw It. On a Beach near the Gulf Stream they found one that weighed and measured all right and had an invalid Father who owned a Railway, but after they talked to her a few Days they discovered that she was Dumb. Beautiful, but absolutely still and lifeless above the Pearl Neckline.

If she had married Kirby probably the Offspring would have turned out to be Dancing Instructors. So she went into the Discard.

There was another Candidate who was there with the Pep and the Bank Roll and a Family Tree and about four tons of Pulchritude but she tied a Can to Kirby within Five Minutes after meeting him and that Prospect went cold.

This was the first Intimation the Parents had ever received that any Member of the so-called Wenker Sex could possibly turn down a chance to hook up with the Heir-Apparent. In the Home Town, where Kirby and all of his Kin were Sacred White Elephants, the Impression had been that he was a Capital Prize, the Answer to the Maiden's Prayer, Idol of the Women and Envy of the Men.

In the great Outside World he came into direct Competition with those general Lads who combine University Training with the playful Instincts of a Cave Man. They can drink Tea on a Bet and do a lot of Dancing just to avoid going to Bed, but their real Trade is licking Taxi Drivers. Alongside of these hard-boiled Buries, the refined and well-mannered Kirby seemed to belong to the Vegetable Kingdom. He not only had no Sex Appeal but had not heard much about it.

He was taken from one Place to another by his careful Guardians in the Hope that somewhere, at some time, the Perfect Woman would show up and discover in Kirby all of those lovely Traits which were evident to his Parents but otherwise non-existent.

Kirby is Captured. Possibly everything would have turned out O. K. but for the Fact that one Evening in the Lobby of a Hotel in New York, the Keepers allowed him to ramble along Peacock Alley, where he was snatched and abducted by a large and sinewy Amazon who needed Money.

When she went at Kirby it was just like a Battle between a Boa Constrictor and an English Sparrow.

Of course you are saying now that his People paid her a large sum of Money and arranged for a Divorce. Nothing of that kind. She was a large, masterful self-supporting Creature who had knocked around the World and done almost Everything except brake on the Nickel Plate.

She put into the Partnership everything which Kirby didn't have—Courage, Determination, Business Sense, Initiative and a first-hand knowledge of the Wicked World.

It seemed that her wire-haired Spaniel had been stolen the Week before and Kirby was just what she needed to keep her from being lonesome.

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Now she counts his Money for him every Morning and tells him what Necktie to wear and everything is Great.

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Instead of a dome 70 feet across, under which several hundred persons can sit, the portable model has a three-foot half-dome into which only a dozen or so persons can look. However, they do not have to risk a stiff neck as they would under a large dome.

And although the apparatus may look rather crude, so precisely was it constructed that the revolving foot-long projector—a polyhedron of 13 surfaces—throws scientifically exact representations of 850 stars, in more than 50 constellations, onto the half-dome.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Plaids and Checks Next on Program

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



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Having turned their attention in this direction, designers are keying up the mode to a dramatic point, tuning it, as it were, to every hour of the day, on into scenes of midnight festivities. Beginning early in the morning plaids and stripes are scheduled to make their appearance in the form of adorable little gingham frocks to which are given an added charm via fresh-looking pique and organdie details. As to stripes they are choosing the very chic crinkly seersucker for their avenue of expression.

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For Sunday Night Supper, or Lunch

Well to Keep Supply of Canned Delicacies on Shelves.

Whether you keep house seriously or "kitchenedly," as some put it, you are almost certain to keep a supply of canned crab meat, tuna fish, salmon and lobster meat on hand. They are called on then for main dishes and salad, for lunch and for Sunday night supper and for canapes and for entrées—if you go in for formal dinners.

Of these four foods, lobster perhaps has the more distinct flavor. A very good brand of canned lobster must be selected on this account. Packs of lobster vary more than packs of the other fish unless it is the crab meat, which is of two distinctly different kinds. The Japanese crab meat comes in larger pieces, keeps its natural flavor, and is packed in such quantities that it is used largely. It is particularly good for salad whenever large pieces are desirable. Personally, a household authority says, I like both lobster and crab left in "airy large pieces" when a salad is prepared. At least a third as much celery as fish is used for these salads, and mayonnaise is mixed with them. Tiny capers or minced green olives improve these salads. Tuna may be used the same way. When salmon is used as a salad, it is better left in larger pieces—as it comes from the can. Plenty of mayonnaise should be arranged, with hard-cooked eggs—cut into lengthwise eighths—around the salmon. Eggs are, of course, often used to garnish the other fish salads. Any one of these fish may be put into an aspic jelly with celery and sliced stuffed olives. A ring of salad of this sort may be served with cucumbers cut into discs and mixed with mayonnaise or with a mixed vegetable salad dressed in the same way.

For canapes, the fish is usually finely minced and well seasoned before it is spread on rounds of toast or fried bread. Sometimes the salad mentioned above is molded in tiny molds not more than one inch in diameter. When these are turned out of the mold they are put on toothpicks and eaten with canapes, as an appetizer.

For a creamed dish, or for its richer relation the Newburg, lobster and crab are the favorites. The creamed fish is served on toast in patty cases, or is put in ramekins or in a large baking dish, covered with crumbs and browned in a hot oven. When high seasonings and pimientos and green peppers are added to a creamed dish

It is sometimes known as "deviled." Any of these fish make delicious timbales and souffles. One is as good as the other. Sometimes a Hollandaise or a Tartar sauce is served with these hot dishes.

One other delicious use for these sea foods should be mentioned. They make such delicious cream soups as "bisques," as they are called. Of course, they are a little heavy for dinner, but I know of one household where this is a specialty of the hostess and where guests are always hopeful of having a meal begin with her famous lobster bisque.

In either of the recipes given, of product can be used to better advantage, but we are quite likely to find good use for them often in their canned form.

- Salmon Timbales.**
- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 cup milk
 - ¼ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon chopped parsley
 - ¼ teaspoon onion juice
 - ¼ teaspoon white pepper
 - 2 slices pimento
 - ½ cup ripe olives, minced
 - 1 cup flaked salmon
 - 1 cup bread crumbs
 - 1 tablespoon butter

Heat two tablespoons butter and add the flour, gradually add milk and stir until it thickens. Add salt, parsley, onion juice, pepper, olives, pimentos and salmon to mixture. Pour into buttered ramekins, cover with crumbs over which one tablespoon of melted butter has been poured. Place ramekins in a pan of hot water and bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) until the crumbs have browned. Garnish with parsley.

This recipe may be doubled for a luncheon dish.

Spinach Ring Filled With Lobster

- and Crab.
- 3 cups cooked or canned spinach
 - 1 teaspoon grated onion
 - 1 teaspoon butter
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 - ¼ teaspoon paprika
 - 2 eggs
 - 3 cups cream sauce
 - ½ cup fine bread crumbs
 - 1 cup flaked lobster meat
 - 1 cup flaked crab meat

Chop spinach fine and add grated onion, which has been browned in butter. Season with salt, black pepper, paprika and add the well-beaten egg yolks. Mix the spinach with one and one-half cups of cream sauce and fold in the well-beaten egg whites. Place in a buttered ring mold and dust with bread crumbs. Place in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for twenty minutes. Loosen the spinach by pressing from the side of the mold with a knife, turn out on a hot platter and fill the center with lobster meat and crab meat heated with rest of white sauce. Garnish with strips of pimento or slices of lemon or hard-cooked egg.

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TEA GOWN IS BACK IN FASHION WORLD

The tea gown—relic of the mauve decade—is back in the fashion spotlight.

For tea for ten or dinner for two the style world has revived its trailing lines. The 1932 version, however, is slim, sleek and the last word in chic. No ruffles or flounces mar its simple lines; no "fashion froth" appears in its design.

Luxurious fabrics fashion these new tea gowns. Jewel-tinted velvets bordered in fur and lace draped over shimmering silks are favorites. The bodices are simple and fitted, sleeves plain or drooping, while the skirts cling closely about the hips and sweep into a train.

Tucked-in-Blouse Being Revived by Designers

With the abandonment of the princess-waisted skirt, Paris couturiers seem to have revived the tucked-in blouse, which languished for a season, or if the blouse is not tucked in, it stops at the waistline just over the skirt.

Because of the high neckline on so many, the style of fastening them at the top of the back by a short row of buttons is a feature to be noticed, as this permits the blouse to be slipped off over the head.

Angora Beads Suggested as Splendid Neck Warmer

Angora beads strung together by little disks of copper are just about as unusual looking as they sound.

The "fuzz" of the angora might tickle a sensitive throat, but for others it forms a warm little circle under the chin and takes care of bones so unbecomingly to those unfortunate enough to have them. The best combination is white and copper, but colors may be had to match particular ensembles.

Little Shirred Hats

The cutest little hats of closely-shirred crepe feature a new shade of pale beige, particularly smart with either black or brown. They fit the head closely, reveal a new slant over the eyes and are altogether intriguing.

NEW BELT IDEAS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



This good looking daytime dress is swagger from start to finish. It is styled of a dark green crepe which has an almost invisible patterning in its weave. The sleeves show the trend so strongly advocated for the coming season. The belt is of newest type, in that the metal arrangements as you see here is the last word in girlish fastenings. The scarf ends are casually drawn through a metal ring, matching those at the waistline. By the way, the latest metal trappings which adorn the new costumes are in copper. They blend handsomely with the tangerine and brown shades which are now so fashionable.

Patterns for Spring

First look at spring silk collections discloses that a large percentage of both printed and woven patterning is based on variations of crossbars, plaids, stripes and checks, the rating of popularity being in the order named.