

ELLEN ADAIR MEETS A TALKATIVE LADY ON THE DOORSTEP

She Wonders What the Future Now Will Bring. A Little Widow Is a Dangerous Thing.

CHAPTER XI. The world seemed such a wide and desolate place when I stood quite alone outside my uncle's house, that first sad night in Philadelphia.

"Where was I now to turn? I did not know. One cannot live for long on 87 How foolish I had been to come this long, long way on mere surmise! I saw that clearly now it was too late.

"You are not alone," said she, "are you? I am here. I thought you had a foreign look. In my time, too, what friend of yours has died? I guess it is real nasty of you to come here like this, just when he was expecting you! Ain't men the meanest things?"

"He did not know that I was coming here," I said. "You see, I only wrote three days before I sailed—I sailed a week ago. It is his own fault, except my own."

"A FLATTERING CRITICISM." "You, you, you! real real!" said this strange individual, staring intently at me, arms akimbo. "There ain't much style in you, though. The way you fix your hair went out three years ago."

"What could she mean? 'Fixed up real elegant!' I did not know, and did not care. Where was I now to turn?"

"I guess you have a goodish bit of money with you, and would make it worth my while if I took you here to-night," continued the hard-eyed widow, craftily. "I'm expecting two gentlemen friends, and they're bringing some bottles of beer along, so you might have a party and be real comfortable. I guess I could fix up that hair of yours for once and make you look real nice. You ain't at all a bad-looking girl, if you ain't worked up a bit and scared around some boys. The chaps here like a bit of fun."

"I think I'd better go to an hotel," I faintly said. "I'm so tired, and yet I could not, would not enter that unknown widow's house."



Basque With Separate Skirt.

OLD STYLES IN NEW MATERIALS AGAIN BECOME FAVORITES

Black Velvet Basque Was Worn by Former Generations, With Hoop Skirts and Waterfalls.

Any one who makes a study of fashions soon reaches the conclusion that there are certain modes that recur from time to time, modified or varied, but not too changed for recognition.

The black velvet basque that has come into prominence again as one of the present-day fashions was worn by our mothers or grandmothers, according to the generation to which we belong.

Each section of the skirt is finely plaited, though the fullness is greatest in the topmost flounce.

White both basque and skirt are conventionalized, they have distinct prestige among the styles especially created for autumn wear.

FILIPINOS SHOW EAGERNESS TO GET SCHOOL TEACHERS

Winfred T. Denison Shows That Natives Prefer the Schools to Feasts—Amusing Incidents Witnessed.

The Hon. Winfred T. Denison, secretary of the Interior of the Philippine Islands, has been called the "White Hope" of the islands. The exact applicability of this term is not perfectly clear at this distance.

THE LETTER, NOT THE SPIRIT

A certain landlord had a great objection to renting his houses out to tenants with children.

A PLEASANT PROPOSITION

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A LADY IN DISTRESS

At length a gallant knight came to my rescue. I saw his broad form push that crowd aside. No Juliet in a Carolina balcony scene was so admired as I was with a gleeful heart that I upon those steps.



SAFETY FIRST

Administration, and as such his experience of the last few months in the islands are of considerable interest, indicating to a degree the hopefulness or hopelessness of the Philippine situation.

Mr. Denison has sent to friends in this country copies of a speech delivered by him at the City Club, Manila, on June 20 last. The speech is entitled "Democracy's Mission in the Philippines."

One of the typical questions Mr. Denison says, which come before him continually, cropped up in the proposition whether he should authorize the expenditure of 500 pesos for the photographing of mollusks.

photographing those mollusks, or should I spend it for school teachers? I would pay the whole share of the Insular Government in one teacher, and a half of the share of the Insular Government in another teacher for the cost of these photographs.

On another occasion Mr. Denison reports that he had been to Palawan and had found there 40,000 people without a doctor.

The British love the Frenchman, the Frenchman loves the Russ; They compliment each other with exaggerated fuss.

was an application for leave to spend 14,000 pesos for printing the results of ethnological research into the habits of the Bukidnons and other non-Christian tribes:

"For 14,000 pesos," declared Denison, "I could either cover the Mountain Province with school teachers or cover Palawan with doctors, or fill Cullion with nurses; while the outside world, if it finds itself in preliminary need of this knowledge, may possibly be able to find the money some way except in the pockets of the Filipino people."

INTERNATIONAL LOVE

The Russian loves the Belgian, who dearly loves the Jap. Their love just now is pushing like spring-time starts the snip.

FOOD PRICES STILL MOUNT, WITH BEEF LEADING THE LIST

Housewives Find Advance 20 Per Cent. Over Last Year—Dealers Advise Cheaper Beef Cuts.

A canvass of the Philadelphia retail centers reveals the fact that prices generally asked now for meats, fish, sea food, poultry and staple seasonable vegetables, are virtually 20 per cent. higher now than they were a year ago, and the thrifty housewife whose cash has not increased during the past twelve months has but two courses open to her: she must carry a smaller market basket, or else must be content to buy cheaper cuts of meat, and inferior grades of food.

The woman who turns to poultry for relief finds high prices here as well. Fowls are scarce now, due largely to the demands of the Jewish holidays. Jersey roasting and broiling chickens bring 28c; stewing is 23 to 25c; roasting, 25c, and prime Jersey chicken is 25c, while the delicate squab is quoted from 50 to 55c a pound, according to the size and quality. It is early to consider turkey yet, but ducks are offered at from 23 to 25 cents per pound.

SEA FOOD HIGH, TOO

Even in the matter of fish and seafoods there is little encouragement for a savin'z, as prices are a lot above a year ago. Soft crabs bring \$1.25 a dozen; crab meat, regular, 40 cents; lump, 75 cents. Lobsters, 35 cents; hard-shell crabs, 50 cents a dozen; white oysters and clams are about 25 per cent. higher than last September. Bluefish bring 18 cents; brook trout, 75 cents; butterfish, 12 cents; catfish, 15 cents; cod (steak), 15 cents; fownder, 15 cents; haddock, 19 cents; halibut, 25 cents; mackerel (fresh), 25 cents each; Spanish, 25 cents a pound; white perch, 15 cents; rockfish, 18 to 25 cents; fresh salmon, 40 cents; sea bass, 15 cents; snappers, 15 cents; weakfish, 15 cents; white scollaps are priced at \$1 a quart.

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