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 XL

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

"Goby off to Europe!" rang through my stunned brain. The house shut up for three long months!" Where was I now

I remember noticing how the little children faced along the pavement, each on one relier state. In the light of the street lamps-low very early it grows dark in Philadelphia - their little faces then with impliness. I think our little English boys and girls have rosier checks, but these Americans had pretty little sun-

Where was I now to turn? I did not know. One cannot live for long on 385 How foolish I had been to come this long, long way on more surmised I saw that clearly now it was too late. "tione off to Europe" and the house was closed: A vomin from the next-door house how can man the scene. She may have warned to be hard, I do not know. I thought she had the shrillest, harshest

thought she had the shrillest, harshest voice.
"Yes, he has gone," said she, "are you his never. From England, do you say." Dear, door, I thought you had a foreign look! In mounting, too! What friend of yours his shed? I guess it's real nasty of your usels raing off like this, just when he was expecting you! Ain't men the meanon trings!"

The dist not know that I was coming here, I said only "You see, I only wrote three days before I suited I saided a week ago, It's no one's fault except my own." A FLATTERING CRITICISM.

'Yea, you've acted real foolish?' said this strange individual, staring intently 81 me, arms azimbo. "There min't much right to you either. The way you fix your hair wern out three years ago! It sort of suits your face, thousing all the same that queen old-fashlened way. I guess you need a bit of rouse on those pale checks-I'll give you some, it's real cute stuff! You'll never get a beau here un-less you somen up a bit?"
"Can you give no my uncle's present address?" I stiffly asked, for her strange

specifies made me teel confused.

"And that I can't!" said she. "Your uncle came it rather moughts over me!

After that tiling wife of his died, three your ago, I tried to be real saciable, over the back yard fame of nights. I pulled three lathes of wood out, so a I cou-keep a cheery eye on him-for I'm widow, and can sympathise with me whow, and can sympathize with men!
'You ought to get another wife,' says I.
'It shit natural-like, for a man like you to live alone!' He'd be sitting there of an evening, snoking his pipe in his little each yard, a real word-looking man he is! But whenever I'd come out, and try a bit of conversation with him, why, he'd not real still and haughty, and then make some evenue and set up and go into be would say, aways very points. In made to the find by Creends a min here tomerrow to see that it is remained. Three times he mended the ence, never uncessing I had made the halo in purpose. She sixhed, with a reministent look in her hard sys. It guess your notes a fixed real elegant. Sold she respectively.

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AUPLEASANT PROPOSITION. "I guesa you have a goodleh bit of money with you, and would make it worth my while if I took you here tonight?" continued the hard-eyed widow. craftly: "I'm expecting two gentlemen friends, and they se bringing some bottles of beer along, so we might have a party and be real sociable. I makes I could fix up that have decided a mass for once and make you look real oute. You win't at all a bad-booking git, if you only parked up a bit and stanged around more livelet. The chars hape the a up of fun.

The prospect del not sound alluming I simulated at the very blea of what her particular conception of "a bit of fun" might be?

"I think Ud better go to an hotel." I friends, and they be beinging some bottles

"I faintly Ud better go to an hotel." I faintly said. I felt so tired, and yet I could not, would not enter that unknown

widow's house.

The browing sterm then broke upon my head. Months of polite rebuilt upon my uncle start had sown the wind-and new I, his infortunite niese reaped the which wind. The widow had a large tonshular and one great lift of metapher. That horize talent was uncarthed until it gray tenfals.

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tenfold.

A proved of othe positive similar forced round. "Just fisten to her" orled one little hop. "The feature than the movies, ain't it, sister."

At leastly a molliant knowled came to my peacue. I may his brood form push that erond adde. So Juliet in a challing bulconvenience astronomy for Romon with a gindder heart man I upon those atom. He

History to the "Observable" and the second of the second with a wrateful eve. "Mayne you aim to the rousest, problem when you aim to the rousest, problem when it is at each to the problem to the problem of the second of you." He turned around to me and his some changed, "Tome right along with me. I'll are you right to where you want to go,

told be. In the twinkling of an eye he had heaved my heavy trank from off that doorstep, bight to the roof of his empty for warren, had belied no up healds the driver's seat, cracked a long whip and off

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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 fashons soon reaches the conclusion that there are certain modes that recar from time to time, modified or varied, but not too changed for recognition.

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

It was worn with hoopskirts and the

waterfall of the period, and it is being worn again today, very little changed and lending to the weaver more of the and leading to the wearer more of the feminine appeal of a dead and gone day. The velvet basque inaugurates the senarate skirt inevitably. And this, too, is a return of an old style. Frills and furbelows must have a place somewhere in the make-up of the majority of costumes and the plain basque seems to call for either plaited or ruffled skirts that will furnish an effective contrast.

The illustration shows the black velvet basque almost severe in design, but mod-

basque almost severe in design, but mod-crolled by the collar. This particular style of collar seems to be a compromise

between fashion as originally planted by the modiste and the comfort demanded by the woman who must wear it. It is very high in the back, but open to a generous degree in front above the square-cut neck. The white facing to the collar and the

The white facing to the collar and the white cuffs are made of silk and count a point as a fashion asset.

The skirt worn with the basque scores several points in up-to-date modishness. It is in tiers, or sections, and it is full—that is, full according to the present standard.

Each section of the skirt is finely.

standard.
Each section of the skirt is finely plaited, though the fulness is scentest in the topmost flounce, while both basque and skirt are conventionalized, they have distinct prestice among the styles especially created for

The toque or turban which completes the costume is of black velvet, trimmed with gours placed at an angle that we might be inclined to call rakish if we were not determined to reflect the spirit of war in our every-day vocabulacies. The military air has been given de-iberately to many conts and capes and hats and bonnets, and where there is a certain kind of dash the term is sure to be used for the sake of its present day

FILIPINOS SHOW EAGERNESS TO GET SCHOOL TEACHERS

Basque With Separate Skirt.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS PAID

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Widows and deserted wives, nearly all accompanied by small children, called at the office of City Treasurer McCoach to-

cranted them from the Mothers' Pension

From the appropriation for September

THE LETTER, NOT THE SPIRIT!

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

Hope" of the islands. The exact, ap- own department. of this term children.

"Have you may children" he demanded fiered of a would be tenant.

"Yes," replied the latter solemnly, "six belief that it is meant to imply a "white interest" in the Philippines as distinguished from a Filipino interest, He is also on record as saying: "I suppose I the desired agreement.

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Administration, and as such his experences of the last few months in the islands are of considerable interest, indicating to a degree the hopefulness or

Mr. Denison has sent to friends in this country copies of a speech delivered by him at the City Club, Manila, on June 30 last. The speech is entitled "Democracy's Mission in the Philippines." The speech does not give its author's opinion on the question of Philippine independence, but merely dis-

not perfectly | One of the typical questions, Mr. Deni- learned that the Moros in the southern lear at this distance. Mr. Denison son says, which come before him con-

photographing those mollusks, or should I spend it for school teachers? I could 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. I am not unaware that the world outside the Philippines may possibly prefer the photographs of the mollusks to teachers in the Mountain Province, but can there be any doubt in the mind of any one that my duty is to spend the money for the interest of the Philippines, rather than to further what may be considered the interest of the scientific world at large?"

SAFETY FIRST

On another occasion Mr. Denison reports The Hon, Winfred T. Denison, secre- cusses some of the questions which daily that he had been to Palawan and had ary of the Interior of the Philippine come before the Secretary of the Inter- found there 40,000 people without a doctor. Islands, has been called the "White for through the administration of his He discovered the same thing on a still larger scale in the Mountain Province. He end of Palawan were eager for a school

was an application for leave to spend 14,nological research into the habits of the Bukidnoons and other non-Christian

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

INTERNATIONAL LOVE

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

The Russian loves the Belgian, who dearly loves the Jap. Their love just now is gushing like spring-

time starts the sap. The German loves the Austrian. The lat-

ter's features work
As he mentions his affection for the unutterable Turk.

With all this billycooing, I hardly think it sale almost any day now. Already some right chestnuts have arriced from points that

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 veretables, 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 twelvemonth has but two courses open to her; She must carry a smaller market basket, or eless must be content to buy cheaper cuts of meat, and inferior grades of food.

Beef is, as usual, the source of a let of argument, and as beef goes so must other foods allow and prices rise in proportion. Butchers report a scarcity of beef, but call attention to the fact that if marketers could be educated to the real value of the cheaper cuts, such as briskets, high-price meat troubles would be relieved. In New York city the hip loins are cut and soid as porter-house and tenderioin at 38 cents a pound, while the Philadelphia consumer is benefited to the extent that local butchers cut and sell all sirloin cuts at 35 cents a pound. The present prices are about the same as two months ago: Round, 25 cents; combeef, 13 to 25 cents; pork chops, 33 cents; lamb chops, 39 cents; leg of lamb, 25 cents; shoulder of lamb, 15 cents; stewing lamb, 8 cents; veal chops, 28 cents; veal cutlets, 35 cents; while calves liver is high at 40 cents a pound carry a smaller market basket, or clas 28 cents; veal cutlets, 35 cents; while calves' liver is high at 40 cents a pound,

POULTRY DEAR AS WELL. 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 chicken brings 3c., stewing is 23 to 25c.; roasting, 25c., while the delicate squab is quoted from 50 to 30c, a pound, according to the size and qual-

ity. It is early to consider turkeys yet, but ducks are offered at from 23 to seents per pound.

The housewife with the lean pocketbook will find some relief from the high meat and poultry prices in vegetables, but even here prices are as a rule about 20 per cent, higher than this time a year ago, Nutritious vegetables, such as eggplants, lima beans, etc., are much above normal. Eggplants bring 5 and 10 cents; lima beans, 18 cents quarter peck; string beans, 20 cents quarter peck; fancy California cauliflower, small, 15 to 18 cents; large, 25 cents; Brussels sprouts, 29 cents quart box. New peas are scarce and sel at 40 cents a quarter peck, Potaton bring 60 cents the half bushel basket. Fruits generally remain about the sam price, with Jersey peaches, however, ples tiful and hanging on well at low price

Fresh or nearby eggs are scare and bring 38 cents a dozen, while the western eggs are coming in faster and bring as much Butter ranges from 35 to 45 cents a pound special fancies running even higher.

SEA FOOD HIGH, TOO. Even in the matter of fish and seafoods there little encouragement for a saving, as prices are a lot above a year ago. Ing, 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; while oysters and clams are about 25 per cent. higher than last September. Bluefish bring 18 cents; brook trout, 75 cents; butterfish, 12 cents; catfish, 18 cents; cod (steak), 15 cents; founders 15 cents; buddock 19 cents; hallbut. ders, 15 cents; haddock, 19 cents; halibu 25 cents: mackerel (fresh), 35 cents each; Spanish, 35 cents a pound; white perch, 18 cents; rockfish, 18 to 25 cents; fresh salmon, 40 cents; sea bars, 15 cents; snap-pers, 18 cents; weakfish, 15 cents; while scollops are priced at \$1 a quart.

Country sausage and scrapple begin to arrive from October 5 on, and cran-berries, turkey, chestnuts, etc., will be en Such loving, kindly nations should ever chide and fight.—Kansas City Star.

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