THE DAILY NOVELETTE

South Seas and the Barkers

By RUSSELL CLAYTON

James Barker closed the book he had just finished, laid it on the sitting-room table, and settled back in his morris chair, his arms folded. That story—how it got one! For it dwelt with life—that was it, life with a capital L. In its comparatively few pages were compassed daring government intrigues, copra piracies, native insurrections, rescues of dusky tropical maidens, in short, the doings of stalwart men and beautiful women. Beautiful women! Ah!

James glanced over at his wife as she sat placidly darning hose—his hose, presumably. The light from the cheap, artistically wrong lamp with its frosted, landscaped shade, neither softened the shadows beneath her eyes nor hid the streaks of gray in her hair. An excellent wife was Minnie, but middle-aged and, he must admit, it, dull. Her thoughts at the moment he felt sure were concerned with the whys and wherefores of vegetable soups, the intricate problems of the laundry, the proposition presented by the need of a new hall carpet.

Such was the stimulating companionship presented to a man of his tastes! True, it had taken this wonder book to drive home the fact that he had such tastes, but was it surprising that, living the humdrum life he did, he had not become aware of the inclinations lying dormant within him?

And because for many years James had shared every thought with his Minnie, he spoke aloud what was in his mind.

"Do you know," he began saying, "that this life is a bore? An unending round of monotony?" He liked the phrase and repeated it. "An unending round of monotony. Alarm goes off at 6:15. Breakfast at 7:00. One cup coffee—two six-minute eggs—toast. The 7:30 car at the corner. What do we get out of it? I tell you, Minnie," here James, warming up to his subject, stood up and, hands in pockets, began a strenuous walk between his wife's chair and the Victrola, "our existence lacks excitement!"

His wife, her darning needle suspended in midair, looked over at him above her sewing glasses. "You're right, James," she said. "That is why I think we had better sell the house."

James' jaw fell. "Sell—the house!" he gasped.

"Yes, dear. It's like this, James," and into her eyes crept a faraway look. "For years I have lived a very narrow, stunted life—compared with that for which I feel I was destined. And now, of a sudden—very suddenly, I may say—I have a yearning for the things I have been denied—shimmery silks, aigrettes, plumes, ermine wraps, earrings, the—the admiration of—er—of men. To attain some of this, we will have to sell the house," she concluded practically.

James had sunk weakly down into his chair. Could this be his Minnie? Plumes—the admiration of men! He cleared his throat. "I—I know, Minnie, but—but selling the house that we saved and scrimped and sacrificed to buy!"

"So we did," said Minnie, then clasped her hands ecstatically and lifted her eyes to a ceiling recently kalsomined. "Yet, what is shelter compared to things desired of the soul?"

"Maybe," returned Jim, morosely, "but things desired of the soul don't put a roof over your head in your old age." James' world had gone topsy-turvy. "Have you decided where we will go when the house is sold?" he inquired coldly.

Minnie waited a moment before replying, her chin poised on her hands. "No—," she gave out finally, "at least, possibly, what I have in mind is too absurd to contemplate. But—wouldn't it be a lark to go cruising in the South Pacific? Only, perhaps you remember, dear, how frightfully seasick you were the day we went to Block Island?"

Followed a long silence. James, whose shipping clerk's imagination had been unusually stimulated this evening, was visualizing himself and Minnie—an aigretted, earringed Minnie—careening about on the billowy Pacific—headed for heaven knew where! Logically, he should have pictured them aiming for islands of fretted palms and copra piracies, of native insurrections and government intrigues. But he didn't.

His eyes dwelt lovingly on the familiar outlines of his sitting-room, on its homely pictures, mostly personal, on its worn but comfortable chairs, on its artistically wrong but adequate lamp—and lastly, on his wife.

Rising, he went over to her and, and sitting on the arm of her chair, passed an affectionate arm about her shoulders. "I can't think what ails you, Minnie," he said, "but to hear you talk about selling our home makes me feel all queer inside. Our life is so happy just as it is! Can't—can't we go on?"

If Minnie smiled inwardly at this right-about-face of her husband's views concerning their life together, she gave no outward sign. Her married life had taught her the expediency of an amputated memory on occasion.

Instead, she laid her basket with its neatly rolled balls of stockings on the table, and, reaching up, patted her husband's cheek gently. "All right, Jim," she acquiesced submissively, "it did look like an awful job, packing!"

Then, as he drew her close, she was moved to confess, "I read that South Seas book, too, Jim dear, and I know just how it made you feel. In fact, it made you seem to me quite faded and dowdy and unromantic. Then when you began to get worked up about it, I saw that the quickest way to cure you was to pretend to those feeling, myself."

This, I say, Minnie was moved to confess. But she didn't—just contented herself by relaxing in Jim's faithful arms and recalling her grandmother's slogan, "What men don't know, don't hurt 'em."

Next Complete Novelette—For the Love of Pete

University Activities at U. of P. Today

10:30 o'clock — Debate Council meeting, Zelo Rooms.

10:30 o'clock — Committee for sophomore "Asiatic Night" meeting, Pennsylvanian office.

1:15 o'clock—Rally to send soccer team off to Haverford, Quadrangle.

5 o'clock—Dramatic Club meeting, College Hall.

8:30 o'clock—Second performance of "Persian Nights," Mask and Wig clubhouse, 310 Quince street.

PAGEANT FOR WOMEN

New Century Club to Celebrate Enfranchisement Tomorrow Night

A pageant of great women will be given at the New Century Club tomorrow evening to celebrate the enfranchisement of women in the United States. Learned women, saintly women, heroines of song and story, women artists, women who have ruled, women who have served and died, all will be represented in the pageant by members of the New Century Club. More than fifty women are in the caste.

The principal parts will be taken by Mrs. Miriam Lee Early Lippincott as Woman, Mrs. Julia Willets Williams as Prejudice, Mrs. Lewis R. Dick as Justice and Mrs. Lucretia L. Blankenburg as Susan B. Anthony.

The pageant will follow a club supper to be given at 7 o'clock. The arrangements are in charge of three committes—drama under Mrs. A. Haines Lippincott; literature and art, Mrs. John B. Roberts, and hospitality, Mrs. Henry D. Jump.

MAYOR TO MEET TEACHERS

Arrangements Are Made for Session With City Officials

Teachers of the public schools are to hear Mayor Moore describe the general work of his administration, at the first of a series of meetings in the Mayor's reception room, City Hall, on January 6.

Arrangements for the meetings which are to be addressed by various city officials, for the benefit especially of civic teachers in the public schools, were completed yesterday by George Wheeler, acting superintendent, at a conference with the Mayor.

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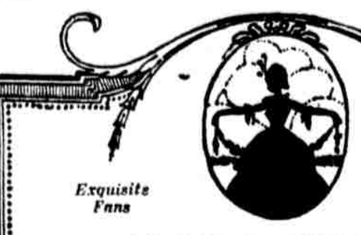

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That furrier of integrity, Theo. Siefert, at 1426 Walnut, who handles only the better furs and at non-profiteering prices, is having an exhibit of sable mink all this week which is the most impressive I've seen for many seasons. If you do nothing more, do go and take a peep at the Siefert window; it will contain a collection of mink not to be missed. The prices upon these beautiful pieces of Siefert's are all materially reduced, and such a reduction comes just in time for Christmas giving. Little mink neckpieces come at $45 up. Mink sable wears and wears, you know; one can hand it down like jewels and old laces, and it has beauty as well as durability. Muffs are from $100 to $150, a mink scarf 74 by 15½ inches costs $650. A full-length mink dolman is $3500, and the dearest little mink sable coatee is only $750.

Louis Sterling, at 1210 Walnut street, has a reputation for fastidious tailoring and an achievement of line that is unusual—and his linings are truly the talk of the town! Furthermore, he renews those rich linings free of charge if they do not wear for two seasons. Just now he is in the midst of creating tailleurs for southern wear at special pricings. The stunning English cricket flannel skirts you will recall as priced at $45 can be had for $25, and stunning suits of white in flannel, tricotine or serge can be had for $85 instead of $125—really. A splendid saving is that of a tailored to measure (all the garments are that) skirt of white Belgian linen for $12.50 instead of $18. Summer orders are already coming in. Cloth suits for present wearing are also now being specially tailored at $85 instead of $125. Many folk are paying a deposit for a gift order for such a suit, the giftee to come in for personal selection later, the balance to be paid upon completion.

The dainty woman likes nothing better than boudoir gifts. Let me tell you about some lovely little lamb's-wool padded robes of French blue, flesh, rose and orchid crepe de chine lined with white silk. They are $24.50 reduced from $32.50, luxury tax, $1.70. A darling breakfast coat of two-tone taffeta is specially priced at $19.75 and a $1.23 tax. I wanted it at once. A perfectly lovely meteor breakfast coat, a copy of a $45 model, is a mere $24.50 with a $1.70 tax. How I did want one! A perfectly ravishing hair band of cream thread lace with little ear frills of net and pastel tie ribbons in any color you please is but $5.95—a very daintiy gift. A beautiful neglige in perfectly plain classic lines is but $15, though of an emphatically higher value. It is fashioned of meteor crepe in the lovely hues of French rose, pink, turquoise and French blue. Bonwit Teller's Lingerie Shop at Thirteenth and Sansom has them all.

My, but that shop of Anne Devlin's, at 139 South Thirteenth, is an inviting little rendezvous just at present, besides a happy reduction of from 20 per cent to 30 per cent this week on some of her choicest frocks (and they are choice and no mistake). Miss Devlin is showing an unusual assortment of gift ivories, such as little stamp boxes and dorines, exquisitely hand painted and straight from France itself—a pretty princess would welcome such a dainty trifle. They are priced from $10 to $21.50, and "different" feather fans begin at $12.50. Those with single sticks, a la Cleopatra, are stunning. Little beaded make-up boxes are only $12.50, and an exquisitely beaded envelope for the powder puff is only $5.50, though I thought it twice the price. A handsome French bag of dull jet beading is but $22.50, though worth $50, and a little domestic beaded pouch sells for $24. Really, Anne Devlin has thoughtfully provided an exceptional gift for every fastidious woman you know.

Want a new frock for the holidays, do you? Then hie you off to that fascinating Lilla's, at 1305 Walnut street, and ask her to show you the plummy bargains Paulette told you about—simply dandy frocks, my dears, regularly selling for $60 to $85, but now to be had for only $45 each. Lilla's shop is tiny, and she has many new models coming in, hence the reduction. There are lace dinner frocks, evening models, afternoon dresses of kitten's ear crepe, chiffon velvet, and rich plain velvet—they're just the loveliest things! Besides, there are some stunning tricotines at $37.50, tricotine tailleurs and semi-tailored models which are valued up to $62.50. The dainty Vanity Shop of lingerie shares Lilla's petite salon, you know, and among other best quality underthings the Vanity Shop has some of the new Vanity Fair sports bloomers of silk jersey at $5.25.

Goody, goody—those fine, conservative Christmas cards of George Allen's, at 1214 Chestnut street, have been reduced. I was surprised, because they're the cheapest thing of the kind I've seen, even at the regular price, which in itself was below par. But now these excellent cards are 75 cents instead of $1.00 a dozen, and the assortment selling for 50 cents a dozen now includes the 75-cent cards; and cards which a few days ago were $1.50 and $2.00 a dozen can now be had for only $1. This makes them, from my observation, practically half of the prices for which such cards are generally sold. They are steel dye stamped, with the sentiments engraved in script of Old English. There are slight touches of color upon them—just enough for a bit of Christmas cheer, but the cards are mostly in those conservative designs to meet the approval of the most fastidious.

The right book to the right child—what a problem! It remained for the thoughtful management of a high-grade shop such as that of B. F. Dewees, 1122 Chestnut street, to install a juvenile book corner where only literature of the better kind is offered for the impressionable young mind. I myself was deeply impressed with a series of special juvenile classics Dewees are offering at the fair price of $1.50 each. The text has been revised for children from twelve years up. Then there's the "Bam Bam Clock," the little book that makes it easier to be good, at $1.25, and a new, funny Johnny Gruelle book that is too interesting to tell about—and, oh, my dears, the take-to-bed rag dolls that have little linen books of bedtime stories concealed about them! There's Bopcep, Boy Blue, Peter Rabbit among 'em and the littlest of the Three Bears. They're darling! They may be had for $2 each.

Week of December Nineteenth.

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