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Twelve-Year-Old Girl Wants Little Brother to Have Good Vacation, Too

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Officers and Men Go to Mount Gretna This Afternoon

Two hundred officers and men of the Philadelphia regiments, National Guard of Pennsylvania, will leave at 1:25 this afternoon from the Reading Terminal to attend a special camp at Mount Gretna for instruction in military tactics.

The camp opens tomorrow morning and will continue until Monday. Regular classes of instruction will be held daily from 8 to 4:30.

In addition to classes for officers and non-commissioned men, considerable time will be given to machine-gun instruction. About six hundred officers and men from all parts of Pennsylvania will attend the camp. A number of regular army officers will direct the instruction.

Officers and men from Philadelphia will be in command of Colonel J. W. Study, of the 103d Engineers, formerly of the First Infantry. Major Eugene Innatt and Captain A. S. Henschel, Jr., will assist in the teaching at the camp.

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THE DAILY NOVELETTE

By LILY WANDEL
Brookes

"It certainly is terrible to wake up in the middle of the night and find that you are a thief, an honest-to-goodness thief," wailed Dulcie from the bottom step.

"Particularly hard on the family," added Ted, "getting them all out of bed on a cold winter's night. And say, why does this family always congregate on the front stairs when there's something the matter, eh? Nasty, draughty place, I'll say."

"I always knew she'd get in an awful pickle some day," this from sixteen-year-old Senah, "and now of all persons, this horrid old Mr. Brookes!"

"Mother, won't you make them stop?" begged Dulcie desperately, trying to keep her teeth from chattering, "and suggest something?"

"Mrs. Driscorn yawned as much as her chin strap would permit. "All I can think of is a nice, warm bed and sleep. I've been up since 6."

"You're not a bit like mothers you read about," accused Dulcie tearfully. "I'd think you'd be broken-hearted having a thief for a daughter."

"We're not so broken-hearted," put in Ted, "as we are annoyed, old girl. Devilish inconsiderate of you, discovering at 3 o'clock in the morning that you'd lifted your boss' diamond scarf-pin."

"It's all because you're so careless," murmured Mrs. Driscorn sleepily. "Any decent person would have discovered it before retiring."

"Your story is so confusing, Dulcie," murmured Mrs. Driscorn sleepily. "Would you mind repeating it, but start from the beginning this time."

"Oh, I've told it just as it happened. You see, I was the last person in for detention, and then Mr. Brookes comes out of his private office—"

"Not that horrid old Mr. Brookes!" interrupted Senah.

"Of course," answered Dulcie irritably; "you know perfectly well there is only one Mr. Brookes in the firm—"

Dulcie went on ignoring the younger sister. "He came out and said he'd lost his scarf-pin, a platinum one with diamonds, very precious to him. And we all began to hunt. I went into his private office and looked there, and oh, everywhere, because, you see, it was very embarrassing for me—I was the last one in—and we couldn't find it. Nobody could settle down to work and we all felt dreadfully uncomfortable and each person kept protesting he had not seen the pin."

"And old Brookes, what did the old crab say?" questioned Ted.

"Oh, that is the worst of it! He said he was sure he'd find the thief!" sobbed Dulcie pitifully.

"Well, go on with the story," he minded Senah impatiently.

"That's all there is, except, of course, that I woke up in the night—and—I found the pin!"

"Mrs. Driscorn broke into a loud exclamation. "This settles it—we're going to bed. I'm catching cold. Go to sleep, Dulcie, and forget all about it till morning."

"But, mother," pleaded Senah, "poor Dulcie. That horrid old Mr. Brookes may have a detective outside this very minute!"

And Ted from his room door teased, "Just keep your eye off my scarf-pin, sis!"

Dulcie gave a little angry snort and flung herself in bed and promptly fell asleep. It was mother, of course, who lay awake an hour or more planning what to do.

In the morning the little thief was enjoying a hearty breakfast when Ted, having answered the doorbell, came in with a big, long-shaped box and placed it on her lap. The rest of the family immediately rose to its feet.

"For me?" asked Dulcie, turning white and red alternately.

Ted cut the string for her and opened the lid, and Dulcie with cold fingers pushed aside the tissue paper. Red roses! Long-stemmed and dozens of them. Such a thing had never happened before in the Driscorn family. They hovered around Dulcie's shoulders, and when she drew a white card from the box, the entire family read the message with her:

"As long as you have taken my scarf-pin—I saw it glittering in your hair all afternoon—won't you take my roses too? And my love and my life in exchange for the hope of being my wife some day? L. Brookes."

The first thing Dulcie was conscious of was that the family had read the intimate message. She jumped to her feet, spilling the roses, turning an indignant, burning face to the amazed little group.

Ted, after a long, low whistle, spoke first. "So that's where you found the pin—in your hair! And I thought you'd simply discovered it in your handkerchief or—"

hear what he had to say! Oh, don't look so dreadfully severe, mother; I just yielded for a tiny second, then I pulled away, and I guess the scarf-pin got stuck in my hair."

"Dulcie," her mother's voice was very serious, "you know this is quite impossible. You are flattered by this proposal from a rich old man—"

"Oh, but I love him! I've loved him from the first day I put a foot in the office."

"What!" cried Senah dumfounded, "love that horrid old Mr. Brookes?"

"Oh, but he isn't old at all, nor horrid! He's not more than twenty-seven or twenty-eight, and he's very handsome and gentle! You understand, don't you, mother, it was simply protection from Ted and Senah. I loved him from the start, and I knew he'd love me, and to have peace at home I simply called him the horrid old Mr. Brookes from the beginning!"

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