THE DAILY NOVELETTE

A Proxy Proposal

By FREDERICK HART

Elizabeth Shirley was crying as though her heart would break not fifteen minutes after a man had laid his hand and heart at her feet.

Her mother, accustomed though she was to her daughter's moods, was at a loss to understand this accession of grief.

"There, there, dear," she said soothingly, patting Elizabeth's brown head. "Please don't cry—I know all about it. He asked you to marry him, didn't he, and you refused? Well, if you don't love him you did quite right. There's nothing to cry about in that. Fred Stanhope is a nice boy, but if you don't love him you did the right thing."

"It—it isn't that," sobbed Elizabeth. "I didn't mind Fred's proposing, but—but some one was listening, and he heard what Fred said—and he didn't hear what I said!"

"What!" This was enough to surprise any mother.

"Yes. You know the crowd went on a picnic to Bass Rocks—and it was moonlight—and I just knew something would happen—and Fred made me go out on the rocks with him—and Jimmy—Jimmy——"

"Ah," said her mother. "Tell me all about it."

And Elizabeth told. She and Fred had wandered out on the rocks, where the moon made a long path on the lake, and there Fred had told her that he loved her and wanted to marry her. "And oh, mother, dear, Jimmy Davis was out there, too! He had strolled out alone, and when he saw us coming he tried to get away—but he heard Fred propose, and then he left. He—he didn't know I saw him, but I did—and all the time Fred was talking I couldn't help thinking of Jimmy—and then when I said 'No' I looked around and Jimmy was gone!"

"Well, I don't see what's so tragic about that."

"Oh, mother, Jimmy's going to Europe tomorrow for six months. He sails in the morning. And, mother, I love him! But if that horrid Fred hadn't been so—so persistent I'm sure Jimmy would have spoken, and now it's too late!" And Elizabeth sobbed again.

"There, there, daughter, don't cry. It will all come right." And her mother tried to console her. But Elizabeth was inconsolable. So her mother wisely left her to have her cry out and descended the stairs, thinking hard.

She had known of Elizabeth's affection for Jimmy Davis for a long time, and had seen that Jimmy returned the feeling; but he was a quiet man, and not an impetuous wooer. He had waited till the last moment to speak—of this she was sure—while Fred Stanhope had made the most of his chances. Fred was, as she had said, a nice boy, but Elizabeth did not love him, and there was no doubt that she did love Jimmy.

The light of determination came into Mrs. Shirley's eyes and a smile wrinkled the corners of her mouth. "I don't suppose it's ever been done before," she said to herself. "But desperate diseases need desperate remedies. And, after all, in this modern age, I don't suppose it's so tremendously bad—let's see, what time it is?"

The party had returned early from the picnic. A glance at the clock showed that it was only 11:30. Mrs. Shirley went to the telephone.

"Hello—Park 2647, please. * * *

"Hello—let me speak to Mr. Davis. * * *

"This you, Jimmy? Mrs. Shirley speaking.

"Yes, it is a nice night—but that isn't what I wanted to say. Now listen to me and don't interrupt. Do you love my daughter?"

The answer that came over the wire was emphatic enough to have satisfied the most particular of mothers.

"Well, then, come up here and tell her so. What? Not at all. He asked her to, and she refused—and she's up here crying her eyes out—now don't think I'm crazy. If a mother can't do the proposing for her daughter, I don't know who can. No, Jimmy—of course not. I think—I won't say I'm sure—that she loves you. Please don't go into ecstasies over the phone. I wanted to give my Betty her chance at happiness, that's all—listen! Listen! Come back here! Before you come up, Jimmy Davis, give me your solemn word of honor that you'll never let Betty know—not ever—that I called you up tonight. Oh, fix up any sort of story—if a lover can't explain why he came back to tell a girl he loves her he's a pretty poor lover—yes, she'll be up when you get here—yes—Good-by, Jimmy—and God bless you!"

Mrs. Shirley hung up the receiver.

"Well!" she apostrophized the silent telephone. "I never thought I'd do it—but Jimmy must have his chance, and so must my Betty—but a mother doing her own daughter's proposing—that is a step farther than I thought even leap-year privileges would go—and, good heavens! it is isn't even leap year!"

Outside there was the whirr and grind of a taxicab coming to a halt. Steps sounded on the walk. The bell pealed and a sleepy maid went to answer it.

"Show Mr. Davis into the living room, Mary," said Mrs. Shirley as she passed the maid. Then she ran lightly up the stairs.

"Betty—Betty dear?"

"Y-yes, mother?" from the other side of the door.

"Betty, dry your eyes and look your prettiest. There's some one downstairs who wants to see you."

"What? But it's so late."

Mrs. Shirley smiled in the darkness. "It's never too late, dear. Now, run along—and good-night, my daughter."

Betty hurried down the stairs. The door of the living room opened—and closed again. Mrs. Shirley, still smiling, went to her room.

"No," she soliloquized. "It's never too late—with a good proxy."

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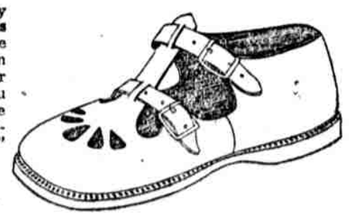

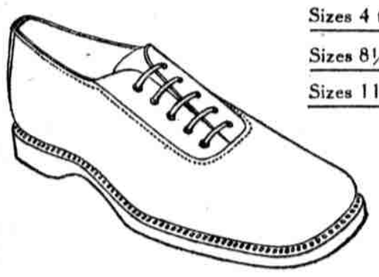

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White Organdies $15 to $25

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Voile, organdie and gingham frocks. Sizes for everybody. Whatever colors one likes. Hundreds of styles arranged on plainly price-ticketed racks so they can be chosen with the utmost freedom.

Extra-Size Dresses, $5 to $25

Women who wear sizes 43½ to 53½ will find pleasantly cool dresses in both dark and light colors. Mostly of foulard-printed voile, simple or elaborate in style.

First Peep at Autumn Frocks

What are the dress authorities planning for Autumn? Here is the first inkling. Tricotine, crepe satin, Canton crepe, crepe de chine, in navy blue and black. Prices start at $22.50.

A Few Hand-Made French Dresses Marked Down to $10

Nearly half and less than half the early season prices. All show marks of handling and the sizes are broken. Mostly 14 to 18.

White Silk Dresses, $15 to $25

Dainty white crepe de chine frocks with three-tier pleated skirts as sketched are $15. Georgette dresses are $20 upward. Cool Canton crepe frocks in white are $25.

Flesh-Pink Silk Dresses $15 to $25

Pretty styles to wear in the evenings of one's vacation. Beaded pink Georgettes are surprisingly attractive at $15. Canton crepe in pink starts at $25. Crepe de chine is $20 upward.

Black and Navy Silk Dresses $25 to $37.50

Simple, well-made frocks with the nice distinction that creates the impression of good taste on the part of the wearer. Among them are the three favorite crepes, Georgette, Canton and crepe de chine.

(Market)

Center Aisle Opportunities

Dainty Hand-Made Blouses From Porto Rico, $2.90

Another shipment just opened brings them fresh and smiling! These attractive models of silky white batiste have roll and tuxedo collars and vest fronts—the styles most wanted to wear with sports coats and sweaters. Every stitch is done by hand and they show much hemstitching and drawn work as well as hand-embroidered dots.

Women's Pretty Two-Piece Pajamas $1

First time we've seen them at this low price. Of soft pink batiste, the slip-on coat is shirred and stitched with blue, while the trousers have elastic at the waist and deep ankle ruffles.

600 Summer Nightgowns, 75c

Really nice ones—soft and cool—of pink or white batiste finished with neat blue stitching and shirring.

Good Toilet Articles at Little Prices

One-pound cans of fragrant talcum powder, 18c can. Assorted fragrances.

Other talcums in well-known brands, 18c to 25c can.

Cold cream is 12c for a tube to 45c for a good-sized jar.

Pure bath soap in desirable odors, 5c, 7c, 10c cake.

Bath Sprays, 75c

Five-foot sprays of excellent white rubber with large spray head.

Charming Summer Neckwear 50c to $1.25

Crisp organdie, lace and net and pretty eyelet material made into vestees with collars are 50c to $1.25.

Collar and cuff sets and separate collars are 50c to $1.25; delightful styles, plain or lace trimmed.

White Organdie Sashes, 50c and $1

50c sashes are 2⅝ yards long with neatly hemstitched ends. $1 ones are of finer quality with hemstitched or ruffled ends. Any one of them would be the proper finishing touch to a Summer frock.

Big Garden Hats $1.25

Yes, another lot of this popular style of hat has just come in. Shiny pineapple-finished straw, this time in black, navy, Harding blue, brown and pink.

Bandeaux and Brassieres Lowered to 50c

Many are slightly mussed from handling so prices have come down. All kinds and sizes in the lot. Pink and white, plain or lace trimmed.

Play Dresses for Little Girls, 65c, $1

65c styles are of sturdy chambray with gingham collars, cuffs and pockets.

$1 dresses are becoming high-waist styles of chambray, checked gingham, tan linene, or dainty flowered lawn.

2 to 5 year sizes. All cost more until today!

Men's All-Wool Suits Special at $15 and $20

Think of a good, nicely tailored all-wool suit for $15!

More than that, see one! Wear one! Realize that it is possible.

These have all been more in our own stocks and are thoroughly up to the Wanamaker standard.

The suits in both groups are of all-wool cheviots in gray, brown and green mixtures, half lined and seasonable.

Also, a few blue serges, mostly in the larger sizes, at $15.

All sizes from 34 to 42 in the lot, but not in every pattern.

Men!

Silk Foulard Ties at 25c

That's a story in itself and the ties are worth running for!

A wide choice of dots and figures. Plenty of black, navy and brown grounds and all popular shades, including the white polka-dotted ties that so many men are wearing.

No need to tell any man who likes to wear what other men are wearing the usual prices of silk foulard ties!

(Gallery, Market)

2400 Pair of Men's Half Hose, Special 20c

Black and cordovan fine-gauge half hose of highly mercerized cotton would be twice this price if they were "firsts." As it is, the "seconds" mean slight imperfections that are scarcely noticeable.

The feet are well re-enforced.

(Gallery, Market)

Men's Light-Weight Underwear Special, 50c

It is the exceptionally soft quality and fine gauge of the cotton that makes these shirts and drawers remarkable. The shirts have short sleeves and the drawers are ankle length. Both are carefully finished. Very slight imperfections make them "seconds" and thereby cut the price in half.

(Gallery, Market)

Fashionably Comfortable Shoes for Women $4, $5.40, $6.40, $6.90

Some shoes are fashionable. Some shoes are comfortable. The Wanamaker Down Stairs Store, however, is said by its customers to have shoes BOTH fashionable and comfortable. The shoes sketched speak their own style and moderate price. But it is when they are examined, tried on and actually worn that they are most eloquent.

Tan Oxfords and strap sports pumps at $4.

Dark brown strap pumps or imitation wing-tip Oxfords at $5.40.

White canvas strap pumps trimmed with brown leather at $6.90.

White canvas Oxfords at $6.40.

White leather strap pumps with low heels at $6.40.

White leather Oxfords with ball straps at $6.90.

$6.90 $6.40 $6.40 $5.40 $5.40 $4

Women's California Bathing Suits Lowered to $1

Black knitted cotton trimmed with white! Lowered in price because sizes are broken, but there is good choosing.

Gingham-Trimmed Suits Lowered to $5

Young girls, especially, like these suits of black surf satin trimmed with plaid gingham.

Surf Satin Bathing Suits, $3.25 to $5.75

"What wonderful variety! I hardly know which to choose!" That has been heard more than once in the Surf Store, and no wonder. Ruffled suits, straight-line suits, suits with waistlines, suits with shoulder straps and suits with sleeves! But, all such good-looking suits that it is easy to understand difficulty in selection.

$7.50 is the new low price on suits of navy and black poplin (gleaming silk-and-cotton that does not cling) trimmed with white, green or blue.

$4.75 for all-wool knitted bathing suits in black and navy.

Extra-Size Suits at $5

This is a low price for extra-size suits of good black surf satin, made with particular care in a style that large women prefer. Sizes 48 to 52.

All-wool tights in sizes 48 to 52 are $3.75.

Accessories

Shoes, caps and tights are available at low prices in the Surf Store.

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Summer Silk Sale, 95c

Three standard silks woven in Oriental countries for wear during just such weather as we are having in Philadelphia.

Japanese Shantung, natural color, 33 inches wide, all-silk, 95c yard.

Chinese pongee, natural color, 33 inches wide, all-silk, 95c yard.

Japanese habutai, in cool white, 35 inches wide, all-silk, 95c yard.

(Central)

Real Irish Lace Collars, Special $2.90

Exquisite collars, 24 to 26 inches long and 4 inches wide. It is a good idea to get an extra collar from which to make cuffs. That gives one a real Irish set for $5.80 that ordinarily would be very much more.

Collars of filet lace in pretty patterns are $1.50 to $2.75. Sets are $2.25 to $3.50.

Many real lace collars are being worn with sweaters and with dotted Swiss frocks.

(Central)

Coats and Wraps Have Lost Their Earlier Prices Now $5, $10, $16.50, $20

$20

Every vacationist needs a coat of some kind. If she can get what she needs at $5 won't she consider herself lucky? These $5 coats are of wool jersey in youthful sports length and belted—just a little warmer and a trifle more "formal" than sweaters.

Conservative Coats at $10

—kinds that the quiet sister or mother will want. Either blue or black wool jersey or serge in three-quarter length. A few capes among them.

Coats and Wraps at $16.50

Practical sports coats of colored tweed that have been reduced from our own stocks. Mostly in rose, green, tan, brown, gray and taupe.

Also at $16.50 a special purchase of graceful wraps of taffeta, satin and tricolette in dark colors.

Mountain and Seashore Coats, $20

Heavier, more durable sorts for wear until late Autumn. Plaid tweeds, velour, serge and Bolivia among them. Only one of a kind.

(Market)

44-Inch Voile Less Than Half Price at 30c Yard

When we say half price we mean that this airy fabric is less than half our own 1921 price for similar quality. It comes in violet, turquoise, cadet, pale blue, peach, gray, maize, rose, and will make ideal frocks for almost no cost.

(Central)

Bien Jolie Corsets Half Price at $2.50

Bien Jolie corsets are of a fine type. Only the best materials are used in them and the cutting is most skillfully done. Each Bien Jolie corset has six hose supporters and is properly laced, ready to put on.

Five Models

Among them are corsets suitable for all types of figure, from the slender to the stout. They are of pink or white coutils and broches in light weights, all fresh, dainty and new.

(Central)

Doris Petticoats, $1 to $5.50

What a boon to women and girls who wear light frocks! These petticoats have hems that are 22 inches deep and no double panels nor extra petticoats are needed. The hems are finished with hemstitching and the petticoats have elastic at the waists.

Pink and white batiste at $1: white batiste of finer quality at $1.50; white sateen at $3; pink or white tub silk at $3.75; pink or white satin at $5.50.

(Central)

Great Big Suitcases at $7.50

The kind that men like—that's the best recommendation we know. Made of black dull fabrikoid that looks like leather. Well re-enforced with leather corners and strong leather straps all around. The straps fasten with buckles and there are good locks and side catches. Lined with tan linene and having shirt folds and leather straps inside as well.

24 and 26 inches long and 8 inches deep, which is an inch deeper than the average.

Black Enamel Suitcases

18 and 20 inch, $3.85 to $10
24 and 26 inch, $5 to $10

Well made, strong and good looking, they are ideal vacation suitcases.

Traveling bags of brown or black cowhide, 18 inches, are $8.50 to $18.

(Chestnut)

New Baronet Satin Hats $3.85 and $5

Here they are—what so many women and girls have been waiting for—gleaming hats of baronet! Lovely in the twilight, or at any time of day, especially at the seashore!

In white, pink and rose, various shapes and trimmed in scores of different ways, they look like spun candy and it is a temptation to try to eat them!

White felt hats, stitched with wool, are inexpensive at $3.85.

Vivid Felt Hats, $5

Most delightful vogue in quite a while! The colors are hunter's green, king's blue, French blue, gray, lavender, smoke blue, black, white and so on. Dashing narrow feathers, striking wool embroidery and something that looks like black patent leather are fitting finishing touches.

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Milanese Silk Gloves Re-priced $1.25 and $1.50

1000 pairs of 12-button-length gloves are now marked down to $1.25, and 16-button-length gloves to $1.50.

Original prices were a third more.

They are our own fine Wanamaker standard gloves of beautiful Milanese silk—and this is the first price reduction of the season.

White, black, beaver and pongee. Paris point stitched backs. Each one double finger-tipped. Each one cut to fit and made to wear with pleasant satisfaction.

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