QUEEN OF **DIAMONDS**

By MARGARET RICHARDS

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The usually cheery face of Mme. Fontaine, "palmist and card reader," was overcast. Even the invitingly clean little room where madame received the anxious seekers after wisdom shared in the pervading gloom. A crudely drawn hand covered with cabalistic signs had become detached from the wall and lay unheeded in one corner; the cards by whose aid coming events were evoked were pushed carelessly aside. It was evident that misfortune had fallen upon this faithful priestess of the future.

Nora McCabe had always been a wonder at "cuttin' the cards," and it | card." was when Pat McCabe died (an event which the cards neglected to mention). leaving her with five little children, that Mme. Fontaine had sprung into existence. Having an average amount of quick Irish wit and more than an average understanding of human nature, Nora had prospered and as Mme. Fontaine she avoided tragedy and dealt mostly in romantic and gowing

generalities. But of late the fates had not shown madame the consideration due so faithful a follower. There had been a falling off in the number of people who came to explore the misty paths of the future under her expert guidance. Four of the children were too young to do much besides consume unlimited supplies of bread and butter, and the day before Jimmy, the eldest, had been brought home with a broken leg. In short, the outlook was serious,

"Though it isn't always ye can expect to be havin' the luck," sighed Nora, stooping to pick up the hand that pointed a mutely protesting finger at

her from the corner. Quite unconscious of the radiant picture she made against her dull surrounding, a girl, tall, graceful, tailor made, came swiftly along the shabby street. If her courage almost failed her, she made no sign as she walked steadily on. All the girls had been to Mme. Fontaine. Had she not told Margaret Doane that she would be married within a year, and was not Margaret even now on her wedding journey? To be sure, she had told Louise Henderson the same thing, and there was not even an admirer in Lou's horizon; but, then, every one makes mistakes sometimes, and Louise always was hopeless. She came from the first. Tomorrow morn- ization. All classes of the people of did not really believe in it. Oh, dear, in'? asked the smaller boy. 'Yes.' 'All the slums, from the worst boys brought no! But she did so want to know if right, he said, and off they went. Dur- before the juvenile court to the deli- cular in shape, and that's the beauty of John really were very angry. He might ing the day I noticed perhaps a dozen cate girls whose lives are spent in it-not a corner anywhere to harbor

ned fingers she pressed the button under the card bearing the legend | Times. "Mme. Fontaine" and soon stood quaking inwardly; but outwardly serene, before the door of the modest little flat.

Eleanor Robinson was called the prettiest girl in the Westchester set, and more critical eyes than madame's would have brightened at the radiant vision she made as she entered the little room and with shining eyes bent eagerly forward over the well known table upon which madame's experienced fingers had already placed the queen of diamonds.

"That's yerself." explained the woman as she deftly shuffled the cards, "and this," laying a heart above it, "is good luck to yerself an' yer wish, an' here's an offer, an' a foine offer it is, with money too. It looks like a marriage offer, an' 'tis from"- But whom it was from must forever remain a mystery, for a shrill voice from the next room called madame, and in her anxious haste Nora overturned the little table, and the fortunes of the queen of diamonds came to an ignominious ending on the floor.

"I'm that worried I don't know what I'm doin'," said madame as she came back, and, half crying, stooped to pick up the cards. "My Jimmy has his leg broke, an' him gettin' along so nice an' Mr. Chetwood sayin' his wages should be raised this Saturday comin'.'

"Mr. Chetwood!" interrupted the girl in a strained voice. And madame's keen eyes noted the warm wave of color that flooded her face.

"Yes, miss," she returned, "Mr. Chetwood, the lawyer. It was a foine place for Jimmy, an' him likin' it an' gettin' into Mr. Chetwood's ways. An' now his leg's broke, an' no knowin' when he'll git another place," she added dejectedly, and in spite of herself a tear splashed on the recovered queen.

The girl rose. "I don't believe I care to have my fortune told today," she said nervously. "I-I've changed my mind, but I shall come to see you again," she said, her blue eyes sweet with sympathy. She took a bill from her bag and laid it on the table.

"Take these, too, for Jimmy," she said, loosening the violets from her furs. And with a smile and a quick little nod she was gone.

It was hours later that a tall, broad shouldered man knocked at madame's door and inquired for Jimmy McCabe. A few minutes later John Chetwood was holding Jimmy's grimy little hand and smiling down on the little freckled face that grinned back at him sheep-

"We cannot do without Jimmy, Mrs. McCabe," he said pleasantly, "so I shall depend on you to send him back as soon as possible." He took some bills from his pocket and continued; "I want you to take good care of him. No! No! That's all right!" as she tried to thank him. "You may pay it back when al shape and coal black in color. It Jimmy wins his first case, or you might seems to be as comfortable in the snow tell my fortune." He laughed good as other insects are in a flower garhumoredly, looking quizzically at the den."

weird hands decorating the little room

Madame gasped. Her warm Irish heart was full of gratitude to the two who had been so good to her. If only she could do something for them!

He watched her with amused interest as she slowly spread out the cards on the little table

"Ye have success to yerself an' yer wish," she began in the time worn formula, "an' there's a light woman, the queen of diamonds," she added, her eyes fastened on the cards.

John Chetwood threw back his head and laughed delightedly. "I thought it was always a dark woman," he said.

"She's tall almost as yerself," Nora went on, "an' it's like one of the saints she is, with her sweet face an' eyes as blue as-as the violets," she continued. The quick start of surprise John Chet-

wood gave did not escape madame's shrewd eyes, and she went on rapidly: "She loves ve-there's somethin' come between ye-but she loves ye. Never mind what's been, say I-go to her; she's waitin' for ye. I see the weddin'

John Chetwood rose abruptly. "That's a great fortune. We'll have to look into that, Mr. Jimmy," he said, but his laughter was forced, and the lines on his face deepened as he ran lightly down the stairs.

He hesitated outside the shabby little flat. She lived to the north. A few blocks to the west his friends were waiting for him. He had tried to keep away from her. It was evident she cared for Carstairs, and he would keep his disappointment to himself and let no knowledge of it shadow her. What could that woman know about it? Nothing! Queer, though, about the violets. No; of course he didn't believe it, but he squared his shoulders and turned to the north.

The Human Nature Picture.

"You can talk all you want about the beauties of landscape pictures, etc.," said a well known Kansas City art dealer, "but it is the picture with the human nature in it that attracts the crowd. Put a human nature picture in a window with landscapes and it will be the only one noticed. Not long ago I noticed a number of small boys standing around our window. They stayed so long I went out to see what was attracting them. It was a picture of two cowboys leaving a newly made grave on the prairie, one of

them leading a horse with an empty saddle. Over the grave stood a dog. Finally one of the boys said, 'Come on, done lookin' yet,' replied another, evidently his small brother. 'Well, come on; we've gotta go. You can come at present is more closely associated cosmetic back tomorrow an' see it some more.'

The Critic and the Lady.

it has stood well the test of time, and his jokes are still good. The author of "Juniper Hall" gives two of his sayings to Mme, de Stael.

He was a great admirer of Mme. Recamier and Mme, de Stael, the one for farm life. One may find Miss Berg at chilled. Salads should not be stirred, her beauty, the other for her wit, this home at almost any time when it but the materials tossed with a fork Mme, de Stael asked him one day if he is open entering heartily into the plans until well mixed. Dressing and infound himself with both of them in the for the entertainment of the girls. sea on a plank, and could only save one, which it would be, to which he dent of the Home of Delight and sec-

"Ah! Mme. de Stael knows so many brew Charities .- Philadelphia Ledger. things, doubtless she knows how to

When "Delphine" appeared, it was herself as Delphine and that Talleyrand was the original of Mme. de Ver-

Meeting the authoress soon afterward, Talleyrand remarked in his most gentle tone of voice:

"I hear that both you and I appear

A Czar and a Wheelbarrow, When Czar Peter the Great visited England in 1698 William III. hired Sayes Court, the manor house of Deptford, for use as his court and palace, near the King's dockyard, where he proposed to instruct himself in ship-During his tenancy the czar every morning either wheeled his favorite A path was broken through Mr. Eve-9 feet high and 5 feet thick. In short, three months' residence from January to April 21 that Mr. Evelyn had as compensation £150 from the govern-

Insects That Love Heights. "On peaks where even bird life ceases," said an Alpine traveler, "and the eternal snow seems to have frightened all life away, I have always found insects. No matter how high I might climb in those awful solitudes, beetles and other bugs could be seen. The beetles dwell under the rocks and in holes in the earth. Their wings are small or missing entirely, for the snow circumscribes their wanderings, and they generally stay in one place all their lives. Even on the ice fields, where there is not a single outcropping of rock, but everything is white and frozen, there is a great six legged insect of cylindric-



MISS GERTRUDE BERG.

An Energetic Worker In the Cause of Jewish Women,

Miss Gertrude Berg of Philadelphia, secretary of the Philadelphia section letin. The napkins she does herself, of the National Council of Jewish Wo- save the last batch that goes into the of the organization, is an energetic wo- iron these small pieces, even though man whose name stands as a synonym not only in Philadelphia, but throughout America.

With Mrs. S. B. Fleisher Miss Berg brought the Jewish women, who are It might at first seem unnecessary to State Federation of Women's Clubs.



MISS GERTRUDE BERG

years ago, from Savannah, Ga., she with its work than of any other organmajority of people love."-Kansas City at the Kindergarten and Day Nursery

In the summer much of her time is ion at Sixty-first street and Kingses- Record. sing avenue during July and August. Here working girls, without regard to sect, may spend their two weeks' vacation and receive all the benefits of

Miss Berg is also second vice presi-

Complexion and Diet.

That diet has a very direct and imsaid that Mme. de Stael had described portant effect upon the complexion is easily done with a pair of pinchers or a fact which few people seem to be the blade of a dull knife, catching the aware of or to which, at any rate, they hairs between the thumb and the blade. pay very little attention. It has been | The hairs will return and should be resaid that women will do almost every- moved as fast as they grow. Eyething to attain clear and lovely com- brows that meet give an unpleasant plexions. A long experience has, how- and sinister expression to the face. ever, proved that, although most woin your new book, but disguised as men are anxious to retain their good looks until past middle age and to preserve their complexions by legitimate brim when your hair is at the pepper and natural means, the proposition of foolish ones who expect to become suddenly beautiful by the aid of a "mar- Light or bright colors give a faded apvelous" recipe or a drastic and perhaps pearance to the hair that is most unpainful system of facial treatment is. after all, very small. The mistake any light or bright color that suits the which is made by many is to imagine complexion may be worn. building and to work as a shipwright. that wrinkles, sallow skins, "muddy" complexions or eruptions of various kinds can be entirely cured by local Menzikoff or was himself wheeled in a applications. This idea is as erroneous barrow in every direction over the as the one held by many people that cherished beds, walks and borders, cosmetic preparations of every kind trampling all into one general wreck. are injurious. The cosmetic treatment is frequently a very useful and neceslyn's famous and almost impregnable sary adjunct to internal treatment. holly hedge, which was 400 feet long, and the sweeping condemnation of all creams, ointments, powders, etc., for not so heavy. he did so much damage during his the skin indulged in by the so called "antifrivolous" section of society is based on as much ignorance and want of common sense as is shown by the indiscriminate advocates of enamels. "skin peeling" lotions and other injurious preparations.

In the skin hospitals local applications for the skin affections are very largely used, but dietetic reform is always insisted upon, for undoubtedly a large proportion of eruptive diseases and discolorations which come before skin doctors are due to improper diet be thoroughly dried before the floor is and are the result of complete igno-

rance of the dietetic laws of health. Laundry Economy.

All women have not grasped the fact that clothing but little soiled, even when more abundant, is easier to launder than that which loudly proclaims longer, too, because it does not require such rough andling. This is the argument used by a young housewife who changes her tablecloths as often as they run after all day.

need it and never uses napkins but once before consigning them to the washtub. After each meal she looks the cloth over for spots and carefully removes them with clear warm water and a soft cloth. This means that the cloth must remain on the table between meals, a thing she does not mind, as the dining room can be shut away, and time and labor are saved. no trifle in consideration of the fact that she does all her own work save the washing, says the Philadelphia Bulmen and one of the charter members family wash. It is easy to wash and 'there are several of them, and the for the advancement of Jewish women young woman declares that she is more than repaid by the comfort of absolutely fresh napkins at each meal.

Finger Bowls.

essentially home loving and not club say anything of the correct use of finloving women, into the council, which ger bowls after the years in which they aims to promote religious, philanthrop- have been daily put upon tables, but ic and educational interests. To her as one observes the way some people influence more than to any other is seem to be imbued with the idea of due the fact that the council has be- using them as wash basins for the come united with the Pennsylvania hands it is really necessary to make a suggestion—that is, to remember that Yet it is not upon the council alone only the tips of the fingers are to be that Miss Berg's time, energy and wet, and, if one wishes, it is permissimoney have been expended. When ble to rub the fingers across the lips. she moved to Philadelphia, twelve This latter is not often done, however. Drying the fingers afterward is done on the napkin as daintily as possible .-Memphis News-Scimitar.

The Ideal Figure.

The modern figure, although improving in the right direction, is not exactly in accordance with the old Greek ideals of a perfect woman. Their ideal woman should be five feet five inches. Her waist should measure twenty-four inches, the bust under the arms thirtyfour inches; over the arms, forty-three inches. The circumference of the upper arm should be thirteen inches, the wrists six inches, the thighs should measure twenty-five and a half inches and the ankles eight inches. Her weight should be 138 pounds.

To Clean Skin,

Enough tincture of benzoln to make a slightly milky lotion makes an excellent skin cleaner. Apply it frequently with a soft old linen handkerchief, and at once entered into the personal serv- you will find fewer blackbeads and ice work conducted by Rev. Dr. Joseph | coarse pores. So few women under-Krauskopf in the foreign quarters of stand that there are gentler means of the city and in this way learned for cleansing the face skin than plain soap herself the needs of the city. Then and water that it is scarcely to be fright you were until I got your photoshe became interested in building up wondered at that blotches and rough fellers; we gotta go home.' 'I ain't the Young Women's union, whose head- faces are common. Sweet milk and quarters are at 428 Bainbridge street. water is a skin beautifier, and milk, As president of this union Miss Berg | made pretty sait, is a favorite English

The Circular Refrigerator.

The model refrigerator is quite cirhave known she did not care for that people bringing their friends up to see cigar factories, receive her personal dirt or grease; the easiest thing in the stupid Captain Carstairs. The picture that 'gets attention and have learned to love her, world to keep in that spotlessly clean With flushed face and trembling but next' to a person is the one the big In the winter she is a frequent visitor condition which should characterize the lightful thing about it is that the shelves revolve, so that things can be spent at La Grange, the beautiful va- taken out and put in very much more Talleyrand, the noted Frenchman, cation home for Jewish working girls conveniently than in the case of the possessed wit of so high an order that maintained by the Young Women's un- old style refrigerator. - Philadelphia

Salads.

For all salads have all dishes very cold. The ingredients should also be gredients should not be all put together at once, but added to each other gradually, now a bit of dressing, next a retary of the Ladies of the United He. little celery and whatever else is used.

Eyebrows That Meet. Eyebrows that meet should have the offending hairs removed. This can be

Hair and the Hat.

Never wear a hat with light colored and salt stage. Either a rich dark color or black is the most suitable. becoming, but with snowy white hair

The top of an old marble topped table may be made of much use in the pantry as a slab on which to mix and roll out pastry. By having a wooden top made for the table and covering it with a cloth the table is just as serviceable as a piece of furniture and much more convenient for use because

Blackened Cellings.

When a whitewashed ceiling has become blackened apply a layer of starch and water to it with a piece of soft fannel. Allow the starch to dry on and then brush lightly, using a brush. The blackness will disappear, leaving no mark whatever.

Varnish the linoleum in kitchen and hall three times a year to insure its lasting qualities. The varnish should

Kerosene should be poured through the drain pipe of a sink at least once a month. It will be found most effective in cutting out collected grease.

Cheesecloth, hemmed, makes excelits need of soap and water. It lasts lent pantry cloths for glassware and

An hour lost in the morning has to be

An Animal Story For Little Folks

MR. JAMES CHIMPAN-ZEE'S PICTURE

"Have you heard the news?" asked Joe Baboon of Jim Chimpanzee. "No; what is it?" inquired Jim.

"Why, a photographer has come to 'And what is a photographer?" asked

"A man who takes pictures." "Will be take my picture?" inquired

"Of course he will," answered Joe. "But what on earth do you want your picture taken for?"

"To send to my sweetheart," said Jim, blushing to the end of his tail.



HE LOOKED PLEASANT.

"Gracious!" exclaimed Joe. "You will frighten the poor girl out of her

But Jim wanted the picture, and the very next day he went down to the photographer's place. "Now, sit real still and look pleas-

ant," said the photographer. Jim sat as still as he could and looked as pleasant as he ever did in his

life. The photographer touched the button, and the picture was made. The first mail carried one of the pictures to Jim's girl.

"She will be pleased with that, I know," declared Jim. "My, I do look handsome in that picture!" Well, in a few days Mr. Chimpanzee

got a letter from his sweetheart, and this is the letter: Mr. James Chimpanzee, 711 Zulu Jungle, Zambeza Land: Dear Sir-I never knew what a perfect

marry you. Papa says please keep away from the house. Sincerely, CATHERINE ORANG-OUTANG. -Detroit Journal.

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You'll find them all badly frayed, ripped, thinned,-worn out more than from three months' hard steady use. Half the life of the garment goneeaten up by the Washboard.

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soapy water swiftly through their threads. It works like a spinning top and runs as easy as a sewing machine. A child of 10 can wash with it as well as a strong woman You may prove this for yourself, and at my expense; I'll send the "Water Witch"

free for a month anywhere so you can prove this without risk. I'll take it back then, if you think you can get along without it. And I'll pay the freight both ways out of my own pocket.

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