

## BIT OF GREEN

By ELSIE COLBY.

"Say, girls, I hear Rob Gordon is home, and they say he has enlisted and expects to be called away any time," said Betty.

Mrs. Dale, with her three girls, Ann, Betty and Kate, were seated at the supper table. Her husband died many years before, leaving a comfortable farm, by which the Dales managed to earn their living.

Robert Gordon, whose father owned the next farm, half a mile away, had been a great chum with the girls in their early school days, but when school had ended he had gone West to live with an uncle. It was rumored that a lovers' quarrel hastened his departure.

"I should think he would have been over to see us by this time," remarked Mrs. Dale. "He always did enjoy roaming around our farm," with a glance at Ann.

"He'll be over, don't worry," Ann said aloud, and to herself, "but I'll manage not to be at home."

"You bet he will," declared Kate. "Cause I'm going over to see him tomorrow."

After the dinner dishes were washed and everything cleared away, the Dales always settled down in their comfortable sitting room. The conversation drifted to Robert Gordon and to various other topics of the day.

Finally Ann spoke up: "I'm going blueberrying tomorrow morning. Anybody want to go with me?"

"I wish I could," answered Betty, "but I've got some ironing to do."

"And I've got to finish making that blue dress of mine," answered Kate.

"Well, I guess you will have to go alone, Ann," said Mrs. Dale. "You know I never go."

The next morning Ann was up bright and early, but not before her mother, for Mrs. Dale was always up early.

With two good-sized palls Ann started off.

"Look out for snakes," was her mother's last warning.

It seemed to stay right in Ann's mind, for she was always thinking about them.

It began to get late. Ann was picking a few berries to have the palls brimful, when she spied something moving. It was green.

"A snake!" screamed Ann.

She turned and ran just as fast as she could go, looking back every now and then to see if the reptile was pursuing her, when suddenly—bump! What was that? Turning her head Ann saw a fine-looking young man looking down at her.

"Why—er—er, I beg your pardon, Rob. Er—I mean Mr. Gordon," she panted.

"Oh, that's all right, Ann. Er—Miss Dale. But why the sudden rush?"

"Oh, I don't know; I'm so frightened! I was picking blueberries back there, when I saw a big green snake coming right at me, and I—ran, that's all. Please don't call me Miss Dale, Rob. Ann, if you please. Oh, I was so frightened!"

Ann swayed, but Rob caught her and by fanning her with his hat he soon brought her back to her senses again.

In her rush Ann had spilled most of her berries and Rob helped her to fill the palls again, and then accompanied her home.

As he left her at the gate he whispered: "We're all made up, aren't we, Ann?"

"I 'spose so," laughed Ann, and she tripped into the house.

"What makes you look so happy?" questioned Betty as Ann entered.

"Oh, something," she answered.

"Well, keep it," Betty pouted. "Kate went over to see Rob, but they said he had gone blueberrying. You didn't see him, did you?"

"Didn't I, though?" sang Ann as she sallied into the next room.

A week later as Rob and Ann were strolling along the country road, arm in arm, and after the one word of all words, "yes," had been said, Rob questioned Ann.

"Well, dear, what do you want for your engagement gift?"

"An emerald ring," piped Ann.

"An emerald! Don't you want a diamond?"

"No, an emerald. You see, it was a green snake."

"Oh!" laughed Rob. "So that's it? Well, you shall have it."

"Well, you see, if it hadn't been for that little green snake (Ann had fully decided it was little) why our friendship would have been broken forever, and now everything is mended. The little green snake was responsible, Rob."

Rob agreed, and true to his promise one night some days later the Dale family was again seated at the supper table.

"What's that you've got on your finger there?" asked Betty. At the same time pointing to the ring on the third finger of Ann's hand.

"Why, that's a ring," answered unconcerned Ann with a smile on her face.

"Come, now, tell us all about it," piped Kate.

Ann did. She told about the green snake and all. Mrs. Dale wasn't a bit surprised, for she had been let into the secret long ago.

The girls laughed and Betty sang out: "Oh, you little green snake!"

When Rob left to do his bit for Uncle Sam, Ann sent him away with a smile although it seemed as though her heart would break. But perhaps she thought of the little bit of green that sent her the good luck to have a soldier boy to send away with a smile.

## Earned His Meal.

Governor Stephens was commenting on the misuse of the uniform by persons who have no right to use it.

"They ought to be in jail," he declared, "but once in a while you can't help but forgive the culprit. I have in mind the case of a tramp in uniform who asked a housewife for a meal."

"So you were in the battle of the Marne?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the tramp.

"What can you tell about that great fight?"

"Not a word, ma'am. I'm on my honor not to reveal a thing I saw or did. That's a very strict military rule."

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dal Prof. James Colonna:

### Programme

Star Spangled Banner  
La Bandiera della Vittoria, Cappa  
Poutpouree ..... Berry  
Milano Patriottica ..... Paron  
Rigoletto (La donna e mobile) ..... Verdi  
L'Inno dei Lavoratori ..... N. H.  
Rigoletto (Quartetto) ..... Verdi  
Italia Bella ..... Deboris  
Vocal Solo  
Mandolin (Duet)  
Marcia Reale Italiana ... Gabetti

### Intermission

Trovatore (Miserere)  
..... Vocal with Band  
Smiles, Vocal with mandolin and guitar  
American Melodies

La selezione del programma oltre che ad essere una delle migliori date in questo territorio, ha rappresentato l'eccesso musicale interpretando le produzioni del genio dei nostri grandi compositori, in una forma geniale e incomparabile.

Il Direttore del Concerto Prof. James Colonna giovane intelligentissimo che nel suo assieme inerita tutte le caratteristiche dei grandi maestri ha saputo con la sua costanza formare un corpo musicale destinato ai successi più lusinghieri; l'ordine e l'organizzazione sono la base fondamentale del corpo direttivo ed ogni membro ne è conscio e doveroso dando prova di determinazione onde raggiungere quei successi dovuti solo ad una istituzione basata su simili principii.

A tutti i componenti della musica indistintamente e al Prof. J. Colonna in particolare si rivolge l'ammirazione nostra e dell'intera colonia Italiana per avere aggiunto ai tanti corpi musicali coloniali Italiani una istituzione che per la sua iniziativa non è seconda a nessuna.

## Voter's Catechism

- D. Have you read the Constitution of the United States?  
R. Yes.  
D. What form of Government is this?  
R. Republic.  
D. What is the Constitution of the United States?  
R. It is the fundamental law of this country.  
D. Who makes the laws of the United States?  
R. The Congress.  
D. What does Congress consist of?  
R. Senate and House of Representatives.  
D. Who is our State Senator?  
R. Wilbur P. Graff.  
D. Who is the chief executive of the United States?  
R. President.  
D. For how long is the President of the United States elected?  
R. Four years.  
D. Who takes the place of the President in case he dies?  
R. The Vice President.  
D. What is his name?  
R. Thomas R. Marshall.  
D. By whom is the President of the United States elected?  
R. By the electors.  
D. By whom are the electors chosen?  
R. By the people.  
D. Who makes the laws for the State of Pennsylvania?  
R. The Legislature.  
D. What does the Legislature consist of?  
R. Senate and Assembly.  
D. Who is our Assemblyman?  
R. Wilmer H. Wood.  
D. How many States in the union?  
R. Forty-eight.  
D. When was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
R. July 4, 1776.  
D. Which is the capital of the United States?  
R. By whom was it written?  
R. Thomas Jefferson.  
D. Which is the capital of the state of Pennsylvania?  
R. Harrisburg.  
D. How many Senators has each state in the United States?  
R. Two.  
D. Who are our U. S. Senators?  
R. Boise Penrose and George T. Oliver.  
D. By whom are they elected?  
R. By the people.  
D. For how long?  
R. Six years.  
D. How many representatives are there?  
R. 435. According to the population one to every 211,000, (the ratio fixed by Congress after each decennial census.)  
D. For how long are they elected?  
R. Two years.  
D. Who is our Congressman?  
R. Nathan L. Strong.  
D. How many electoral votes has the state of Pennsylvania?  
R. Thirty-eight.  
D. Who is the chief executive of the state of Pennsylvania?  
R. The Governor.  
D. For how long is he elected?  
R. 4 years.  
D. Who is the Governor?  
R. Martin G. Brumbaugh.  
D. Do you believe in organized government?  
R. Yes.  
D. Are you opposed to organized government?  
R. No.  
D. Do you belong to any secret society who teaches to disbelieve in organized government?  
R. No.  
D. What is a bigamist or polygamist?  
R. One who believes in having more than one wife.  
D. Are you an anarchist?  
R. No.  
D. What is an anarchist?  
R. A person who does not believe in organized government.  
D. Are you a bigamist or polygamist?  
R. No.  
D. Have you ever violated any laws of the United States?  
R. No.  
D. Who makes the ordinances for the City?  
R. The board of aldermen.  
D. Do you intend to remain permanently in the U. S.?  
R. Yes.

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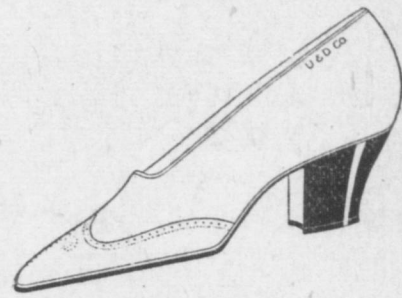
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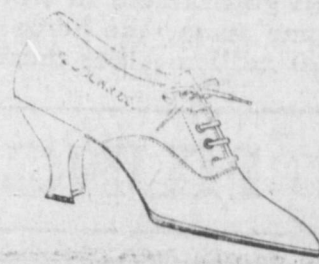
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