

HOUSEHOLD TALKS

Henrietta D. Grauel

From a Housekeeper

"Our latest household improvement is large and brown and hefty and hails from Virginia. Her name is Isabella and we have the lady's permission to call her Izzy or say the whole thing. Probably we will learn to say Isabella after a while, but so far we stutter a little.

"This morning she asked me where I kept the bed stick? Now a bed stick is something new to me, but I saw by her look of disdain and the way her two hundred and something pounds suddenly grew stiff that I was 'mighty poor white trash' if you need one. So I said, 'Isabella, if you need a bed stick have one made at once.' A little later I saw Isabella making beds with a bed

stick and there was sense in it after all. The article, I will have you know, is really just a stick (in this case a broom handle), and after each cover is laid on the bed Isabella proceeds to smooth every wrinkle out with it. I suppose she is accustomed to feather beds, but she did give the coverlets a trim, neat look that was most inviting.

"After watching her make one bed I saw that she did not need any supervision. She turned the mattress end for end and put the sheets on just right—wide hems at the top and narrow at the bottom and she was sufficiently well tutored to get the blankets even and with the opening where it should be. Thanks I give to some careful Virginia lady for teaching Isabella the right way, and to my new 'improvement' I shall give something substantial in the way of a ticket to a picture show or an extra afternoon for herself.

"I wish you could see how dainty my guest room is now. Perhaps, if I tell you about it you will visit me. You remember it is a side room, not very light nor large, so I used a plain, pink pebble paper with a white border stenciled with rose vine and buds. It was not difficult to find cretonne that matched the border and this I used for curtains. I lined these with dark saten and they slide easily on a rod and shut out the light nicely.

"All the furniture for this room was worn so I repaired it using white enamel. As it looked plain and cold I marked a little design on the head and foot board of the bed and on the chair backs and then touched it delicately with pink. It is so simple that even I could not fail and the result is that this room looks sweetly pretty, wholesome and clean.

"I must not forget about the floor. I sewed many carpet balls this winter and they made a rug large enough to do for this room. It is very light and altogether suitable for it can be washed.

"Do come and see me and watch Isabella make beds with a bedstick, Nellie."

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HIS LOVE STORY

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"Peace be with you, Fatou Ann! said the older of the Bedouins. 'Are you a cousin or a brother that you know my name?' asked the ancient woman.

"Everyone knows the name of the oldest woman in the Sahara," said Hammet Abou, "and the victorious are always brothers."

"What do you want with me?" she asked, thinking of the neapiness of the village. Hammet Abou pointed to the hut. "You have a white captive in there. Is he alive?"

"What is that to you, son of a dog?" "The mother of many sons is wise," said Hammet Abou portentously, "but she does not know that this man carries the Evil Eye. His dog carries the Evil Eye for his enemies. Your people have gone to battle. Unless this man is cast out from your village, your young men, your grandsons and your sons will be destroyed."

The old woman regarded him calmly. "I do not fear it," she said tranquilly. "We have had corn and oil in plenty. He is sacred."

"For the first time she looked at his companion, tall and slender and evidently younger. 'You favor the coward Franks,' she said in a high voice. 'You have come to fall upon us in our desolation.'"

"She was about to raise the peculiar wall which would have summoned to her all the women of the village. The dogs of the place had already begun to show their noses, and the villagers were drawing near the people under the palms. Now the young man began to speak swiftly in a language that she did not understand, addressing his comrade. The language was so curious that the woman, with the cry arrested on her lips, stared at him. Pointing to his companion, Hammet Abou said: 'Fatou Ann, this great lord kisses your hand. He says that he wishes he could speak your beautiful language. He does not come from the enemy; he does not come from the French. He comes from two women of his people by whom the captive is beloved. He says that you are the mother of sons and grandsons, and that you will deliver this man up into our hands in peace.'"

The narrow fetid streets were beginning to fill with the figures of women, their beautifully colored robes fluttering in the light, and there were curious eager children who came running, naked save for the bangles upon their arms and ankles.

Pointing to him, Hammet Abou said to the old sage: 'See, you are only women here, Fatou Ann. Your men are twenty miles farther south. We have a caravan of fifty men all armed, Fatou Ann. They camp just there, at the edge of the oasis. They are waiting. We come in peace, old woman; we come to take away the Evil Eye from your door; but if you anger us and rave against us, the dogs and women of your town will fall upon you and destroy every breast among you.'

She began to beat her palms together, murmuring: "Allah! Allah!" "Hush," said the Bedouin fiercely, "take us to the captive, Fatou Ann!" Fatou Ann did not stir. She pulled aside the veil from her withered face, so that her great eyes looked out at the two men. She saw her predicament, but she was a subtle Oriental. Victory had been in her camp and in her village; her sons and grandsons had never been vanquished. Perhaps the dying man in the hut would bring the Evil Eye! He was dying, anyway—he would not live twenty-four hours. She knew that for her ninety years of life had seen many eyes close on the oasis under the hard blue skies.

To the taller of the two Bedouins she said in Arabic: "Fatou Ann is nearly one hundred years old. She has borne twenty children, she has had fifty grandchildren; she has seen many wives, many brides and many mothers. She does not believe the sick man has the Evil Eye. She is not afraid of your fifty armed men. Fatou Ann is not afraid. Allah is great. She will not give up the Frenchman because of fear, nor will she give him up to any man. She gives him up to the women of his people."

With dignity and majesty and with great beauty of carriage, the old woman turned and walked toward her hut and the Bedouins followed her.

CHAPTER XXII. Into the Desert. A week after the caravan of the Duc de Tremont left Algiers, Julia Redmond came unexpectedly to the villa of Madame de la Maine at an early morning hour. Madame de la Maine saw her standing on the threshold of her bedroom door.

"Chere Madame," Julia said, "I am leaving today with a dragoman and twenty servants to go into the desert." Madame de la Maine was still in bed. At nine o'clock she read her papers and her correspondence. "Into the desert—alone!" Julia, with her cravache in her gloved hands, smiled sweetly though she was very pale. "I had not thought of going alone, Madame," she replied with charming assurance, "I knew you would go with me."

On a chair by her bed was a wrapper of blue silk and lace. The comtesse sprang up and then stared at her feet into her slippers and stared at Julia.

"What are you going to do in the desert?"

"watch!" "Yes, yes!" nodded Madame de la Maine. "And your aunt?" "Deep in a haze at the hospital," smiled Miss Redmond.

Madame de la Maine regarded her slender friend with admiration and envy. "Why hadn't I thought of it?" She rang for her maid.

"Because your great-grandfather was not a pioneer! Miss Redmond answered.

The sun which, all day long, held the desert in its burning embrace, went westward in his own brilliant caravan.

"The desert blossoms like a rose, Therese." "Like a rose?" questioned Madame de la Maine.

She was sitting in the door of her tent; her white dress and her white hat gleamed like a touch of snow upon the desert's face. Julia Redmond, on a rug at her feet, and in her khaki riding-habit the color of the sand, blended with the desert as though part of it. She sat up as she spoke.

"How divine! See!" She pointed to the stretches of the Sahara before her. On every side they spread away as far as the eye could reach, suave, mellow, black, undulating finally to small hillocks with corrugated sides, as a group of little sandhills rose softly out of the sealike plain. "Look, Therese!"

Slowly, from ochre and gold the color changed; a faint wavelike blush crept over the sands, which reddened, paled, faded, warmed again, took depth and grew intense like flame.

"The heart of a rose! N'est-ce pas, Therese?" "I understand now what you mean," said Madame. The comtesse was not a dreamer. Parisian to the tips of her fingers, elegant, fine, she had lived a conventional life. Therese had been taught to conceal her emotions. She had been taught that our feelings matter very little to any one but ourselves. She had been taught to go lightly, to avoid serious things. Her great-grandmother had gone lightly to the scaffold, exquisitely courteous till the last.

"I ask your pardon if I jostled you in the tumbrel," the old comtesse had said to her companion on the way to the guillotine. "The springs of the cart are poor"—and she went up smiling.

In the companionship of the American girl, Therese de la Maine had thrown off restraint. If the Marquis d'Esclignac had felt Julia's influence, Therese de la Maine, being near her own age, echoed Julia's very feeling.

Except for their dragoman and their servants, the two women were alone in the desert.

Smiling at Julia, Madame de la Maine said: "I haven't been so far from the Rue de la Paix in my life."

"How can you speak of the Rue de la Paix, Therese?" "Only to show you how completely I have left it behind."

Julia's eyes were fixed upon the limitless sands, a sea where a faint line

lost itself in the red west and the horizon shut from her sight everything that she believed to be her life.

"This is the seventh day, Therese!" "Already you are as brown as an Arab, Julia!"

"You as well, ma chere amie!" "Robert does not like dark women," said the Comtesse de la Maine, and rubbed her cheek. "I must wear two veils."

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The sands suffused an inextinguishable hue, a shell-like pink took possession, and the desert melted and then grew colder—it waned before their eyes, withered like a tea-rose.

"Like a rose!" Julia murmured, "smell its perfume!" She lifted her head, drinking in with delight the fragrance of the sands.

"Ma chere Julia," gently protested the comtesse, lifting her head, "perfume, Julia!" But she breathed with her friend, while a sweetly subtle, intoxicating odor, as of millions and millions of roses, gathered, warmed, kept, then scattered on the airs of heaven, intoxicating her.

To the left were the huddled tents of their attendants. No sooner had the sun gone down than the Arabs commenced to sing—a song that Julia had especially liked:

Love is like a sweet perfume. It comes, it escapes. When it's present, it intoxicates. When it's a memory, it brings tears. Love is like a sweet perfume. It comes, it escapes.

To Be Continued

Best Month in Pig Iron Pottstown, April 12.—With a total of 85,081 tons, the pig iron output of furnaces in the Schuylkill and Lehigh valleys for last month was the largest since December last.

BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STATEMENTS REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Allison Hill Trust Company of Harrisburg, No. 1307 Market street, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915:

RESOURCES Reserve fund: Cash, specie and notes, \$18,809 40 Due from approved reserve agents, 65,019 75

Nickels and cents, \$83,829 15 Checks and cash items, 3,322 70 Due from banks and trust companies not reserve, 155 34 Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name, \$13,981 75

Loans upon call with collateral, 219,112 91 Time loans with collateral, 29,095 00

Loans secured by bonds and mortgages, 2,050 00 Bonds without collateral, 250 00

Bonds, stocks, etc., 33,652 75 Other real estate, 197,955 00 Office building and lot, 22,933 38

Other real estate, 2,318 19 Furniture and fixtures, 4,262 29 Overdrafts, not included in above, 66 89

Total, \$176,906 96 Capital stock paid in, \$125,000 00 Surplus fund, 30,000 00

Unpaid profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 14,938 20 Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 121,189 67

Time certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 28,638 66 Deposits, saving fund (exclusive of trust funds), 177,246 77

Deposits, municipal, 15,000 00 Due to banks, trust companies, etc., not in reserve, 603 77

Treasurer's and certified checks outstanding, 6,724 68 Office building and lot, 154,100 00

Mortgages sold on guarantee, 3,705 31 Total, \$676,906 96 Amount of trust funds invested, \$176,906 96

Amount of trust funds uninvested, 455 60 Total trust funds, \$18,072 38 State of Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin, ss:

I, Alfred G. Eden, Treasurer of the above named company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) ALFRED G. EDEN, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1915. (Notarial Seal) JOHN E. GIPPLE, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: (Signed) FRANK J. ALTHOUSE, W. M. HOERNER, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1915. (Notarial Seal) WALTER E. SOHN, Notary Public. My commission expires at End of next Session of Senate. Correct-Attest: (Signed) SAMUEL GARDNER, H. A. ROBINSON, H. C. KOONS, Directors.

GIN KILLS NEGRO BOY Little Fellow Drank Quarter Pint By Mistake and Died Philadelphia, April 12.—Gin caused the death of 5-year-old Edward Gordon, who resisted all efforts of physicians at the Germantown hospital yesterday afternoon to bring him out of a stupor that followed the swallowing of a quarter of a pint of the liquor. The little colored fellow had been left in charge of 16-year-old Helen Adams, at the Gordon home, 5613 Keyway street, during the absence of his mother. While the Adams girl was not watching the boy got hold of a half pint flask filled with gin and drank half the contents.

When the mother returned the child was unconscious and she quickly summoned Dr. Job Mansfield, who lives nearby. The physician had the lad sent to the hospital, where his stomach was pumped out and other measures were taken to bring him around, but the drink proved fatal.

SLAIN FOR PAY OF \$34 Third Murder at Mahanoy City Twelve Days Mahanoy City, Pa., April 12.—Bul-let-ridden, John Cherba was found by the third murder committed in Mahanoy City and vicinity within 12 days, the assassins escaping in each instance.

BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STATEMENTS REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Mechanics Trust Company of Harrisburg, Third and Market streets, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915:

RESOURCES Reserve fund: Cash, specie and notes, \$94,537 95 Due from approved reserve agents, 204,493 31

Legal securities at par, 45,000 00 Nickels and cents, 344,031 16

Checks and cash items, 24,389 71 Due from banks and trust companies not reserve, 6,975 06

Assets held free, viz: Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name, \$25,000 00 Upon two or more names, 213,143 56

Loans upon call with collateral, 267,269 63 Time loans with collateral, 151,604 30

Bonds, stocks, etc., 173,854 90 Other real estate, 190,995 42

Overdrafts, not included in above, 1,262 01 Book value of reserve securities above par, 497 50

Total, \$1,698,235 65 CAPITAL STOCK PAID IN, \$300,000 00 Surplus fund, 300,000 00

Unpaid profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 11,332 76 Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 607,192 82

Time certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 2,000 00 Deposits, saving fund (exclusive of trust funds), 37,216 73

Deposits, municipal, 45,104 45 Due to banks, trust companies, etc., not reserve, 8,965 44

Treasurer's and certified checks outstanding, 2,592 99 Other liabilities not included in above, 2,939 75

Book value of reserve securities below par, 1,766 00 Total, \$1,698,235 65

Amount of trust funds invested, \$148,621 58 Amount of trust funds uninvested, 449 07

Total trust funds, \$149,070 65 CORPORATE TRUSTS Total amount (i. e. face value) of trusts under deeds of trust or mortgages executed by corporations to the Company as Trustee to secure issues of corporate bonds, including Equipment trusts, \$75,000 00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin, ss: J. C. Motter, Treasurer of the above named company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) J. C. MOTTER, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1915. (Notarial Seal) MABELLE DOBBS, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: (Signed) B. F. BURNS, CHRISTIAN L. LONG, SAMUEL K. KELLY, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Commercial Bank, of Harrisburg, No. 222-224 N. Third street, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915:

RESOURCES Reserve fund: Cash, specie and notes, \$20,313 00 Due from approved reserve agents, 64,644 17

Nickels and cents, \$84,957 17 Checks and cash items, 1,421 18

Assets held free, viz: Bills discounted, 6,161 97

Loans upon one name, \$8,079 00 Upon two or more names, 119,220 33

Time loans with collateral, 16,558 00 Loans on call with collateral, 24,623 89

Loans on call upon one name, 4,435 55 Loans on call upon two or more names, 59,312 52

Loans secured by bonds and mortgages, 63,880 00 Bonds, stocks, etc., 30,990 00

Mortgages and judgments of record, 32,024 40 Office building and lot, 106,974 45

Furniture and fixtures, 8,181 55 Miscellaneous assets, 732 00 Total, \$626,526 21

LIABILITIES Capital stock paid in, \$121,500 00 Surplus fund, 60,000 00

Unpaid profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 7,980 68 Individual deposits subject to check, \$157,314 92

Time certificates of deposit, 102,164 32 Saving fund deposits, 98,274 87

Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 40,000 00 Deposits, municipal, 5,000 00

Cashier's checks outstanding, 413 93

Due to banks and trust companies, etc., not reserve, 32,724 39

Total, \$626,526 21 State of Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin, ss: I. C. Z. Huffer, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) I. C. Z. HUFFER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1915. (Notarial Seal) WALTER E. SOHN, Notary Public. My commission expires at End of next Session of Senate. Correct-Attest: (Signed) SAMUEL GARDNER, H. A. ROBINSON, H. C. KOONS, Directors.

BANK AND TRUST COMPANY STATEMENTS REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SECURITY TRUST CO. of Harrisburg, Nos. 36 and 38 N. Third street, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915:

RESOURCES Reserve fund: Cash, specie and notes, \$26,874 70 Due from approved reserve agents, 33,620 38

Legal securities at par, 13,000 00 Nickels and cents, 873,495 08

Checks and cash items, 419 36 Due from banks and trust companies, not reserve, 198 43

Assets held free, viz: Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name, \$300 00 Upon two or more names, 203,969 83

Loans upon call with collateral, 204,289 32 Time loans with collateral, 77,155 32

Loans secured by bonds and mortgages, 35,884 06 Bonds without collateral, 7,650 00

Loans without collateral, 7,131 49 Bonds, stocks, etc., 72,291 60

Other real estate, 234,154 83 Office building and lot, 62,625 85

Other real estate, 5,525 00 Furniture and fixtures, 14,682 52

Overdrafts, not included in above, 93 51 Total, \$977,584 87

LIABILITIES Capital stock paid in, \$125,000 00 Surplus fund, 25,000 00

Unpaid profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 25,630 53 Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 118,707 58

Time certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 25,819 75 Deposits, savings fund (exclusive of trust funds), 322,548 10

Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 5,000 00 Deposits, municipal, 10,028 80

Due to banks, trust companies, etc., not reserve, 300 46 Treasurer's and certified checks outstanding, 2,864 65

Bills payable on time, 135,655 00 Total, \$977,584 87

Amount of trust funds invested, \$38,530 00 Amount of trust funds uninvested, 3,654 78

Total trust funds, \$42,184 78 CORPORATE TRUSTS Total amount (i. e. face value) of trusts under deeds of trust or mortgages executed by corporations to the Company as Trustee to secure issues of corporate bonds, including Equipment trusts, \$800,000 00

State of Pennsylvania, County of Dauphin, ss: J. O. S. Poorman, treasurer of the above named company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (Signed) J. O. S. POORMAN, Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, 1915. (Notarial Seal) VILLMA M. BAKER, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: (Signed) JOSEPH DAVIS, GEORGE A. GORGAS, HARVEY B. BAIR, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Commonwealth Trust Company, of Harrisburg, No. 222 Market street, of Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, at the close of business April 5, 1915:

RESOURCES Reserve fund: Cash, specie and notes, \$87,052 00 Due from approved reserve agents, 141,655 95

Legal securities at par, 57,500 00 Nickels and cents, \$286,207 95

Checks and cash items, 461 56 Due from banks and trust companies, not reserve, 36,742 64

Assets held free, viz: Commercial paper purchased: Upon one name, \$1,412 85 Upon two or more names, 402,907 21

Loans upon call with collateral, 404,319 46 Time loans with collateral, 439,027 12

Loans secured by bonds and mortgages, 136,606 14 Bonds, stocks, etc., 90,531 83

Mortgages and judgments of record, 658,789 67 Office building and lot, 41,795 92

Other real estate, 146,797 34 Furniture and fixtures, 81,337 48

Overdrafts, not included in above, 49,000 00 Total, \$2,348,200 28

LIABILITIES Capital stock paid in, \$250,000 00 Surplus fund, 450,000 00

Unpaid profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 75,203 68 Individual deposits subject to check (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 838,158 94

Time certificates of deposit (exclusive of trust funds and savings), 471 95

Deposits, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 217,231 23

Deposits, municipal, 10,000 00

Due to banks, trust companies, etc., not in reserve, 12,314 58

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