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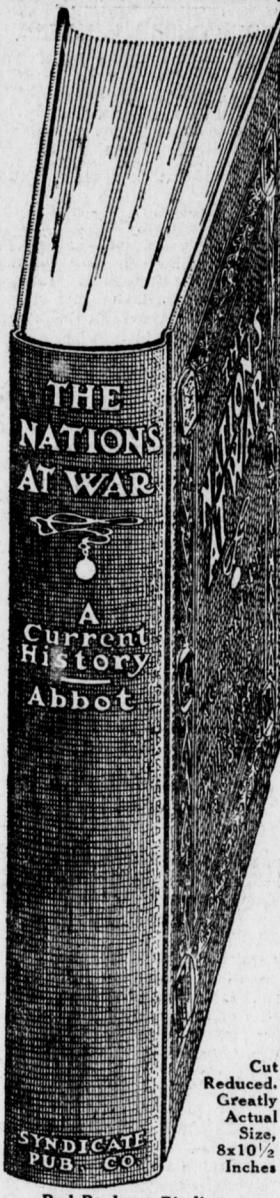
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### PRESBYTERIAN ANNIVERSARY

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Mount Union, Pa., May 10.—The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian church of Mount Union, the commemoration of which closed last night, marked an event in the history of the congregation.

On May 2, 1865, the church was organized with fourteen members. The celebration opened last Sunday, May 2, and continued throughout the week. Sunday morning last there was a rally in the Sunday school, and this day marking the seventy-second birthday of the superintendent; he was given a bouquet. The Sunday morning service was characteristic of the occasion, and the pastor, the Rev. Chester W. Todd, preached an historical sermon.

**VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR DIES**  
New Holland, May 10.—E. E. Eitner, 79 years old, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home from the infirmities of age. He was wounded during the war. Several children and a number of brothers and sisters survive.

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### OPENING AT WILD CAT FALLS

Planked Shad Dinner Will Feature Festivities May 28

Marietta, May 10.—Final arrangements have been completed for the thirteenth annual opening of the Wild Cat Falls Club, to be held on Friday, May 28, at the club house, opposite this place, under the management of the officers and board of directors.

These events are always looked forward to with much interest, especially to residents and members from a distance.

Many states will be represented at the opening this year. A feature will be the planked shad dinner and the music. H. L. Hershey, of Harrisburg, is president and Henry S. Rich, Marietta, treasurer. Charles A. Grady was secretary until his death and this office is still vacant.

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"Splendid!" she cried. "You are reviving. I feel better. If you are going to be nice I'll let you stay."

"Thanks. I'll do my best."

She seemed to be weighing something in her mind.

"If you don't mind what the servants are saying about us, Mr. Smart, I am quite sure I do not."

I caught my breath.

"Oh, I understand everything," she cried mischievously, before I could stammer anything in reply. "They are building a delightful romance around us. And why not? Why begrudge them the pleasure? No harm can come of it, you see."

"Certainly no harm," I stammered.

"The gossip is confined to the castle. It will not go any further. We can afford to laugh in our sleeves, can't we?"

"Ha, ha!" I laughed in a strained effort, but not into my sleeve. "I rejoice to hear you say that you don't mind. No more do I. It's rather jolly."

"Fancy any one thinking we could possibly fall in love with each other," she scoffed. Her eyes were very bright. There was a suggestion of cold water in that remark.

"Yes, just fancy," I agreed.

"Ahsurd!"

"But of course, as you say, if they can get any pleasure out of it why should we object?"

"Well, we are bosom friends once more, are we not? I am so relieved."

"I suppose Poopendyke told you the - gossip."

"Oh, no! I had it from my maid. She is perfectly terrible. All French maids are. Mr. Smart. Beware of French maids! She won't have it any other way than that I am desperately in love with you. Isn't she delicious?"

"Eh?" I gasped.

"And she confides the wonderful secret to every one in the castle, from Rosemary down to Jinko."

"Pon my soul!" I murmured.

"And so now they all are saying that I am in love with you," she laughed. "Isn't it perfectly ludicrous?"

"Perfectly," I said without enthusiasm. My heart sank like lead. Ludicrous? Was that the way it appeared to her? I had a little spirit left. "Quite as ludicrous as the fancy Britton has about me. He is obsessed by the idea that I am in love with you. What do you think of that?"

She started. I thought her eyes narrowed for a second. "Ridiculous," she said very simply. Then she arose abruptly. "Please ring the bell for Hawkes."

I did so. Hawkes appeared. "Clear the table, Hawkes," she said. "I want you to read all these newspaper clippings, Mr. Smart," she went on, pointing to a bundle on a chair near the window. We crossed the room. "Now tell me what you know."

"They are all directed to the Schmicks," she explained. "They are passed on to me. Now go and see the count. Don't lend him any money."

The count was waiting for me in the loggia.

"It is good to see you again, old fellow," he said, with an amiability that surprised me. "I was afraid you might hold a grievance against me. You Americans are queer chaps, you know."

Consummate assurance! I had not touched a drop of anything that night. "I assure you, Count Tarnowsky, the little tilt, as you are pleased to call it, was of no consequence. I had quite forgotten that it occurred. Sorry you reminded me of it."

The irony was wasted. He beamed. "My dear fellow, shall we not shake hands?"

There was something irresistibly winning about him, as I've said before. We shook hands with what seemed to be genuine fervor.

"I suppose you are wondering what brings me here," he said as we started toward the entrance to the loggia, his arm through mine. "I do not forget a promise, Mr. Smart. You may remember that I agreed to fetch a man from München to look over your fine old frescoes and to give you an estimate. Well, he is here, the very best man in Europe."

"I am sure I am greatly indebted to you, count," I said, "but after thinking it over I've—"

"Don't say that you have already engaged some one to do the work," he cried in horror. "My dear fellow, don't tell me that! You are certain to make a dreadful mistake if you listen to any one but Schwartzmuller. He is the last word in restorations. He is—"

I checked him. "I have virtually decided to let the whole matter go over until next spring. However, I shall be happy to have Mr. Schwartzmuller's opinion. We may be able to plan a title into the family at any cost."

"My dear Mr. Smart," she said seriously, "do you really contend that all of the conjugal unhappiness and unrest of the world is confined to the American girls who marry noblemen? Has it escaped your notice that there are thousands of unhappy marriages and equally happy divorces in America every year in which noblemen do not figure at all?"

Then suddenly she changed the subject.

"I have some pleasant news for you," she said. "My mother will be born on Thursday. You will not like her, of course, because you are already prejudiced, but I know she will like you."

"I hope she will like me," I added, feeling that it was necessary.

"She was a Colingraft, you know."

"Indeed?" The Colingraft family

# HOUSEHOLD TALKS

Henrietta D. Grauel

#### English Ginger Cakes

We are quite accustomed to speaking of "old-fashioned ginger bread," and this is right, for ginger is the most ancient flavoring.

For years and years cakes were baked without any special character, it being thought quite enough that they were sweet and of finer texture than the coarse bread of those early days. However, spices were esteemed from the beginning of civilization when they were brewed into refreshing drinks and served with many foods. At last China's preserved ginger root was brought to England by travelers who told of its wonderful medicinal properties. At first only royalty was able to secure it, but Queen Elizabeth, who seems to have been a housewife sort of a maiden after all, had it made into small cakes to be eaten when her household had dined on too rich foods.

**Ginger Cakes**

In some homes snaps are liked better than bread mixtures; they, too, are made in quantity.

Mix five cups of light brown sugar, one tablespoon of ginger, one tablespoon of mixed spices, one tablespoon salt, one level tablespoon of soda and eight cups of flour together by sifting. To this add one pint of shortening or butter and a pint and a half of New Orleans molasses. This must stand several hours after it is well mixed. Bake on oiled or buttered paper and drop the mixture on by teaspoonsful. The snaps like to spread out thin while baking and must have plenty of room between one another; if they run together it is hard to free them from the paper.

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