

# MARY MARIE

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**MARY AND MARIE**

**SYNOPSIS**—In a preface Mary Marie explains her apparent "double personality" and just why she is a "cross-current" and a contradiction. Mary Marie says: "Father calls me Mary, Mother calls me Marie. Everybody else calls me Mary Marie. The rest of my name is Anderson."

"I'm thirteen years old, and I'm a cross-current and a contradiction. That is, Sarah says I'm that. (Sarah is my old nurse.) She says I read it once—that the address of unlike was always a cross-current and a contradiction. And my father and mother are unlike, and I'm the children. There is, I'm the child. I'm all there is. And now I'm going to be a bigger cross-current and contradiction than ever, for I'm going to live half the time with Mother and the other half with Father. Mother will go to Boston to live, and Father will stay here—a divorce, you know. She also tells why she is going to keep a diary. She begins with Nurse Sarah's story of her birth.

**CHAPTER I—Continued.**

Of course, when you stop to think of it, it's sort of queer and funny, though naturally I didn't think of it, growing up with it as I did, and always having it, until suddenly one day it occurred to me that none of the other girls had two names, one for their father and one for their mother to call them by. I began to notice other things then, too. Their fathers and mothers didn't live in rooms at opposite ends of the house. Their fathers and mothers seemed to like each other and to talk together, and to have little jokes and laugh together, and twinkle with their eyes. (That is, most of them did.)

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to Miss Midge Desmond, and would they please send him some things he wanted, and he was going on a wedding trip and would bring his bride home in about a month.

It was just as sudden as that. And surprising—Nurse says a thunderclap out of a clear blue sky couldn't have astonished them more. Father was almost thirty years old at that time, and he'd never cared a thing for girls nor paid them the least little-bit of attention. So they supposed, of course, that he was a hopeless old bachelor and wouldn't ever marry. He was bound up already beginning to be famous, because of a comet he'd discovered. He was a professor in our college here, where his father had been president. His father had just died a few months before, and Nurse said maybe that was one reason why Father got caught in the matrimonial net like that. (Those are her words, not mine. The idea of calling my mother a net! But nurse never did appreciate Mother.) But Father just worshiped his father, and they were always together.

Grandma being sick so much; and so when he died my father was nearly beside himself, and that's one reason they were so anxious he should go to that meeting in Boston. They thought it might take his mind off himself, Nurse said. But they never thought of its putting his mind on a wife!

So far as his doing it right up quick like that was concerned, Nurse said that wasn't so surprising. For all the way up, if Father wanted anything he insisted on having it, and having it just as well as I can remember it—had grammar and all. So piece by piece, I remember that I did not know all those mistakes. It's Nurse Sarah.

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**CHAPTER II**

**Nurse Sarah's Story.**

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"Well, yes, Miss Mary Marie, things did begin to change right there 'n' then, an' so you could notice it. We saw it, though maybe your pa an' ma didn't at the first.

"You see, the first month after she came, it was vacation time, an' he could give her all the time she wanted. An' she wanted it all. An' she took it. An' he was just as glad to give it as she was to take it. An' so for months 'n' till night they were together, an' tramping 'n' through the woods an' up on the fountain every other day with their lunch.

"You see she was city-bred, an' not used to woods an' 'n' flowers growin' wild; an' she was crazy over them. He showed her the stars, too, through his telescope; an' she hadn't a mite of use for them, an' he let her see it good 'n' plain. She said she'd heard her with my own ears—that she'd heard her laughing, when all the stars she wanted; an' that she'd had stars all her life for breakfast 'n' luncheon an' dinner, anyway, an' all the time between; an' she'd rather have some of this old, new—something alive, that she could live with an' touch an' play with, like she could the flowers an' rocks an' grass an' trees.

"An' you see, your pa was just a great big baby with a new plaything. Then when things began to turn all at once into a hill-grown man, an' just naturally your ma didn't know what to make of it.

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Mother's eyes when they sparkle and twinkle when wife or together sometimes in the woods? And Nurse said Mother was so excited the day she came, and went laughing and dancing all over the house, exclaiming over everything. (I can't imagine that so well. Mother moves so quietly now, everywhere, and is so tired, most all the time.) But she wasn't tired then, Nurse says—not a mite.

"But how did Father act?" I demanded. "Wasn't he displeased and scandalized and shocked, and everything?"

Nurse shrugged her shoulders and raised her eyebrows—the way she does when she feels particularly superior. Then she said:

"Do? What does any old fool—begin your pardon an' so offense meant, Miss Mary Marie—but what does any man do what's got hejuggled with a pretty face, an' his senses completely took away from him by a chit of a girl? Well, that's what he did. He acted as if he was bewitched. He followed her around the house like a dog—when he wasn't leadin' her to something new; an' he never took his eyes off her face except to look at it, as much as to say: 'Now ain't she the adorable creature?'"

"My father, did that?" I gasped, believe my eyes. And you wouldn't either, if you knew Father. "Why, I never saw him act like that!"

"No, I guess you didn't," laughed Nurse Sarah with a shrug. "And neither did anybody else—for long."

"But how long did it last?" I asked.

"Oh, a month, or maybe six weeks," shrugged Nurse Sarah. "Then it came September and college began, and your father had to go back to his teaching. Things began to change then. "Right then, so you could see them?" I wanted to know.

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"Oh, I'd child, what a little question-box you are, an' no mistake," she sighed. But she didn't look mad—sat like the way she does when I ask why she can take her teeth out and most of her hair off and I can't; and things like that. (As if I didn't know! What does she take me for—a child?) She didn't even look displeased—Nurse Sarah loves to talk. (As if I didn't know that, too!) She just threw that quick look of hers over her shoulder and settled back contentedly in her chair. I knew then I should get the whole story. And I did. And I'm going to tell it here in her own words, just as well as I can remember it—had grammar and all. So piece by piece, I remember that I did not know all those mistakes. It's Nurse Sarah.

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**GOOD THINGS FOR THE SEASON**

Did you ever chop? Order a tray braded pork chops cut thicker than usual, cut out the bone and shaver and press into shape. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Put in a frying pan and sprinkle the top of each with butter. Fry in boiling water to the depth of the chops. In the morning, take in a slow oven for one hour. Remove cover, sprinkle with butter, crumbs and cheese. Bake until the crumbs are brown. Serve on a hot platter with celery tips. Serve with:

Look over night one cupful of dried cranberries, two quarts of nutmeg bread, one cupful of raisins, one cupful of currants, one cupful of prunes, one cupful of figs, one cupful of dates, one cupful of almonds, one cupful of walnuts, one cupful of hazelnuts, one cupful of chestnuts, one cupful of pineapples, one cupful of peaches, one cupful of apples, one cupful of pears, one cupful of plums, one cupful of cherries, one cupful of strawberries, one cupful of raspberries, one cupful of blueberries, one cupful of blackberries, one cupful of currants, one cupful of gooseberries, one cupful of elderberries, one cupful of huckleberries, one cupful of raspberries, one cupful of blackberries, one cupful of currants, one cupful of gooseberries, one cupful of elderberries, one cupful of huckleberries.

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## John D. Rockefeller



One of the few posed portrait photographs of John D. Rockefeller, founder of the world's richest man and reputed of the great Standard Oil Company properties.

## U. S. DEMANDS PAY FOR ARMY ON RHINE

**Claim for Troop Hire in Germany Based on Armistice Agreement**

Washington.—The rights of the United States to priority of payment of German reparations, of the actual cost of the American army of occupation on the Rhine, is firmly asserted in a note which Secretary of State Hughes has sent to the five principal allied powers.

Secretary Hughes has made public the text of the note, identical copies of which have been placed before the foreign offices of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and Belgium by the American ambassadors.

Secretary Hughes makes it plain that this government will challenge vigorously the refusal of any allied power to recognize the complete validity and equity of the American government's claim. He declares that his government finds no ground whatever for suggestions abroad that technical obstacles stand in the way of recognition of the claim.

Based for the American claim, the notes stated, was found in the armistice agreement, to which the United States is a party, and which provided for military occupation of Germany by the allied and American forces jointly. That agreement, the notes recited, expressly provided that the upkeep of the troops of occupation in the Rhine districts should be charged to the German government, and it was expressed as the view of the American government, that the armistice agreement "had the clear import" that the powers associated in that joint enterprise "should stand upon an equal footing as to the payment of all the actual costs of their armies of occupation."

Secretary Hughes says that any technical objection to the discharge of the American claim on the ground that this country had not ratified the Versailles treaty would necessarily "rest upon any action or lack of action on the part of Germany," but solely in the refusal of the allied powers themselves to permit the discharge of "an admittedly equitable claim," and thus to seek in their behalf exclusively a first charge upon the assets and revenues of the German empire.

**Russia Gets American Wheat.**

Moscow.—The first shipment of American wheat reached Novorossiisk, in South Russia, and caused much enthusiasm among the population. It will be used for seeding purposes. The Soviet states that between March 1 and 15 241 carloads of provisions had been brought in via Bival. 238 had been brought in through Riga and 5,000,000 pounds of food had been received through other ports, all consigned to the American relief administration.

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## SENATE RATIFIES FOUR-POWER PACT

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**Aftermath.**

"Hello, sir; remember me?"

"Can't say I do, sir."

"I met you at the club one day."

"In a very poor hand at remembering faces."

"Why, that was the day I tipped you off on the stock market."

"So? Come to get myself together, your face does seem familiar."

"After which I borrowed \$10 from you."

"Certainly, I remember you."

"And you promised that when next we met you'd lend me another ten."

"Lardon me, I was mistaken in the face!"—New York Sun.

**Mrs. J. McGuire**

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