MARY MARIE

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FATHER

SYNOPSIS.—In a preface Mary Marie explains her apparent "double personality" and just why is a "cross-current and a contradiction"; she also tells her reasons for writing the diary—later to be a novel. The diary is commenced at Andersonville. Mary begins with Nurse Sarah's account of her (Mary's) birth, which seemingly interested her father, who is a famous astronomer, less than a new star which was discovered the same night. Her name is a compromise; her mother wanted to call her Viola and her father insisted on Abigail Jane. The child quickly learned that her home was in some way different from those of her small friends, and was puzzled thereat. Nurse Sarah tells her of her mother's arrival at Andersonville as a bride and how astonished they all were at the sight of the dainty eighteen-year-old girl whom the sedate professor had chosen for a wife. Nurse Sarah makes it plain why the household seemed a strange one to the child and how her father and mother drifted apart through misunderstanding, each too proud to in any way attempt to smooth over the situation. Mary tells of the time spent "out West" where the "perfectly all right and genteel and respectable" divorce was being arranged for, and her mother's (to her) unmentionable behavior. By the court's decree the child is to spend six months of the year with her father and six months with her father. Boston is Mother's home. Mary describes her life as Marie with her mother in Boston and about her mother's "prospective suitors." Then Mary goes to her father home to visit her father. Aunt Jane's questions.

CHAPTER V—Continued.

ONE WEEK LATER.

Father's home. He cared precisely, but I didn't know it, and I came running down-stairs, smiling with pleasure because for the first step. And there, right in front of me in the hall was—Father.

I guess he was as much surprised as I was. Anyhow, he acted so. He just stood stock-still and stared, his face turning all kinds of colors.

"You!" he gasped, just above his breath. Then suddenly he seemed to remember. "Why, yes, yes, to be sure. You are here, aren't you? How do you do, Mary?"

He came up then and held out his hand, and I thought that was all he was going to do. But, after a funny little hesitation, he stooped and kissed my forehead. Then he turned and went into the library with very quick steps, and I didn't see him again till at the supper-table.

At the supper-table he said again, "How do you do, Mary?" Then he seemed to forget all about me. At least he didn't say anything more to me; for three or four times, when I glanced up, I found him looking at me. But just as soon as I looked back at him he turned his eyes away and cleared his throat, and began to eat or to talk to Aunt Jane.

After dinner—I mean supper—he went out to the observatory, just as he always used to. Aunt Jane said his head ached and she was going to bed. I said I guessed I would step over to Carrie Hopwood's; but Aunt Jane said, certainly not; that I was much too young to be running around alone in the dark. Nights! And it was only seven o'clock, and not dark at all! But of course I couldn't go.

Aunt Jane went upstairs, and I was left alone. I didn't feel a bit like reading; besides, there wasn't a book or a magazine anywhere asking you to read. They just chirked, "Touch me not!" behind the glass doors in the library. I hate sewing. I mean Marie hates it. Aunt Jane says Mary's got to learn.

After a while I opened the parlor door and peeped in. They used to keep it open when Mother was here; but Aunt Jane doesn't see it. I knew where the electric push button was, though, and I turned on the light.

I was just tingling to play something, and I remembered that Father was in the observatory, and Aunt Jane upstairs in the other part of the house where she couldn't possibly hear. So I began to play. I played the very prettiest piece I had, and I played pretty at first; but I knew I forgot, and I knew I hadn't played two pieces before I was playing the best piece, over, and making all the noise I wanted to.

Then all of a sudden I had a funny feeling as if somebody somewhere was watching me; but I just couldn't turn around. I stopped playing, though, at the end of that piece, and then I looked. But there wasn't anybody in the room. But the west door was there, and the curtain was just full of folks with great staring eyes. I fairly shook with goosepimples, and I managed to shut the piano and get over to the door where the light was. Then, a minute later, out in the big silent hall, I crept on tiptoe toward the stairs. I knew then, all of a sudden, why I'd felt somebody was listening. There was. Across the hall in the library in the big chair before the fire sat—Father! And for 'most a whole half-hour I had been banging away at that piano on marches and dance music! My! But I held my breath and stopped short, I can tell you. But he didn't move nor turn, and a minute later I was safely by the door and halfway up the stairs.

I stayed in my room the rest of that evening; and for the second time since I've been here I cried myself to sleep.

ANOTHER WEEK LATER

Well, I've got them—those brown and blue serge dresses and the calf-skin boots. My, but I hope they're stiff and homely enough—all of them! And hot, too. Aunt Jane did say today that she didn't know but what she'd made a mistake not to get gingham dresses. But, then, she'd have to get the gingham later, anyway, she said; then I'd have both.

Well, they can't be worse than the serge. That's sure. I hate the serge. They're awfully homely. Still, I don't know but it's just as well. Certainly it's lots easier to be Mary in a brown serge and clumpy boots than it is in the soft, fluffy things Marie used to wear. You couldn't be Marie in these things. Honestly, I'm feeling real Maryish these days.

I wonder if that's why the girls seem so queer at school. They are queer. Three times lately I've come up to a crowd of girls and heard them

I Was Having the Best Time Ever, and Making All the Noise I Wanted To.

stop talking right off short. They colored up, too; and pretty quick they began to slip away, one by one, till there wasn't anybody left but just me, just as they used to do in Boston. But of course it can't be for the same reason here, for they've known all along about the divorce and haven't minded it at all.

Aunt Jane doesn't care for music. Besides, it's noisy, she says, and would be likely to disturb Father. So I'm not to keep on with my music lessons here. She's going to teach me to sew instead. She says sewing is much more sensible and useful.

Sensible and useful! I wonder how many times I've heard those words since I've been here. And durable, too. And nourishing. That's another word. Honestly, Marie is getting awfully tired of Mary's sensible sewing and dusting, and her durable clumpy shoes and study dresses, and her nourishing oatmeal and whole-wheat bread. But there, what can you do? I'm trying to remember that it's different, anyway, and that I said I liked something different.

I don't see much of Father. Still, there's something kind of queer about it, after all. He only speaks to me about twice a day—just "Good-morning, Mary," and "Good-night." And so far as most of his actions are concerned you wouldn't think by them that he knew I was in the house. Yet, over and over again at the table, and at times when I didn't even know he was round, I've found him watching me, and with such a queer, funny look in his eyes. Then, very quickly always, he looks right away.

But last night he didn't. And that's exactly what I wanted to write about today. And this is the way it happened:

"And there—she told me. And it was the divorce."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Always the Same Dreams.

What is called science has always pursued the glitter of life and the philosopher's stone, and is just as busy after them today as ever it was in the day of Pyrophilus. We call them by different names nowadays or rather, or want such, but the dreams which lure us into the unknown from which we learn also always at bottom the same—Bernard Shaw.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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Nor knowest thou what argument
Thy life to thy neighbor's creed hath lent.
All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.
—R. W. Emerson.

BRAN MUFFINS

Bran is a good brush for the alimentary canal and may be used in its uncooked form with any cooked breakfast food. Two or three tablespoonfuls of bran will not be noticed in any cooked or dry breakfast food.

For bran muffins add gradually one and one-half pints of fresh bran into one pint of rapidly boiling water, add one-half teaspoonful of salt and two-thirds of a cupful of stewed prunes, chopped, or dates or figs also chopped.

Bran biscuits are prepared like ordinary biscuit, using one-third of bran in the usual measure of flour.

Bran Crackers—Prepare a bran mush, let it cool, then work into it as much bran as possible for rolling out one inch thick. Bake well in a moderate oven.

Bran Cookies—Cream three-quarters of a cupful of shortening with one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, add two eggs, one teaspoonful each of salt, nutmeg and vanilla extract and one-third of a cupful of sweet milk. Into this stir one pint of flour, one teaspoonful of baking powder and add enough bran to make a soft dough. Roll out thick and bake in a moderate oven. For cookies use brown sugar, flavor with cinnamon and nutmeg and sprinkle the tops with sugar and nutmeg or cinnamon. Put a raisin in the center of each cooky.

Bran Fruit Cookies.—Wash and dry one cupful of currants. Take two-thirds of a cupful of sweet cream, add one-half teaspoonful of salt, and sufficient bran and white flour mixed in equal measure to make a stiff dough. Divide into two parts. Roll out one-eighth of an inch thick, sprinkle with currants over half of the dough, lay the other on top, roll out again, pressing firmly on the fruit, prick well and bake in a moderate oven.

Bran Coffee Cakes—To one quart of bran add two heaping tablespoonfuls of molasses, a teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of melted shortening or other cooking fat, one-half cupful of warm water, one cupful of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in the milk, and enough brown flour to make a stiff batter. Bake in a moderate oven.

Between the pages which are so wise
And many a [illegible] we catch the looks
Of him who [illegible] in lusty guise
To keep his [illegible] by woe or age—
And then [illegible] precious things are [illegible]
—Julia Moore.

USEFUL DOMESTICS

To keep the [illegible] warm over night; put into the pressure cooker with a [illegible] at the bottom a [illegible] hot water bottle [illegible] with hot water. Place one of these in at [illegible] over two patient [illegible] soil insisted [illegible] cover, set the [illegible] on this and roast which [illegible] spoonful of [illegible] the cover [illegible] kettle add [illegible] time to [illegible] roast will [illegible]

Cook all [illegible] with any leftover [illegible] bottom of [illegible] to your [illegible] linen will [illegible] new at the [illegible]

Clean [illegible] by adding a little [illegible] orange.

When [illegible] into a pan [illegible] oven; [illegible] as new.

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Nevia Maxwell

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Miss Elizabeth Pence, aged 75, member of a pioneer family in Newcastle, died in a local hospital following injuries when she stepped from a street car into the path of an automobile. Coroner Caldwell had ordered a probe of the accident.

Falling from the roof of a box car at Mifflinburg, Newton L. Renn, a Sunbury brakeman, suffered three broken ribs and internal injuries.

For the first time in many years the Socialists will not have a ticket at the primaries in Northumberland county.

William V. Keener, 66 years old, committed suicide by hanging in a corn barn on the Hoffman farm, near Meytown.

The annual meeting of the temperance organizations of the diocese of Scranton will be held at St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, May 17 and 18.

For violation of the state school code in not sending their children to school, Martin Kunter, John Pierog and I Vincent were arrested in Bethlehem. Kunter and Vincent paid fines and costs, but Pierog refused and was sent to jail.

Representatives of the Associated Dailies of Pennsylvania, the State Editorial Association and the Weekly Newspaper Association met in Harrisburg to plan a joint meeting in June or July in Williamsport.

Absent from Fayette county when called for sentence of charges of breaking and entering and larceny and violating the automobile laws, Mont W. McCormick came all the way from Oklahoma City to give himself up when he learned that a levy had been made on the property of Alex McDowell, his bondsman for $3500, to collect the money. Although trailed to Oklahoma through letters written by him, McCormick, when wired that his bondsman's property was about to be sold, left at once for Uniontown and was met in Pittsburgh by McDowell and County Detective J. Russell.

Three employes of an Altoona brewing company were arrested and a truck loaded with half barrels and cases of beer, alleged to contain more than one-half of one per cent alcohol, was confiscated by Michael Laputka, prohibition agent. The men, Thomas Claycomb, John Schmidhammer and W. M. Palmer were held in $1000 bail for United States court. The beer was impounded at the possession. Laputka seized the truck on the street. Joseph Repsch, Hyndman, Bedford county, was accidentally shot by a companion, and is in a dying condition at the Pottsville Hospital with a bullet in his intestines, which the surgeons are unable to locate. The boys were handling a revolver when the weapon was discharged.

With a record attained by few men, Joseph Stitzel, employed in the Pennsylvania railroad planing mill in Altoona, returned on a pension. He served the company for 52 years, all that time, with the exception of a brief interval, in the same shop.

Frank Schade, of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the Travellers' Protective Association of Pennsylvania by a majority of 12 over F. E. Schimel, of Reading, at the closing session of a three-day annual convention in Erie. Allentown was chosen as the next convention city. Directors elected were: S. D. Henry, Allentown; Charles O'Boyle, Scranton; James Melloy, Wilkes-Barre, and William Cannon, Erie.

Fayette county will within eight weeks be able to boast of the loftiest amusement park in Pennsylvania. Twenty acres of mountain land, situated along the National pike and more than 2200 feet above sea level, are being cleared for a recreation park. Amusements will be installed and a free picnic ground provided. It is the plan of the promoters to have the park ready for Decoration Day to be thrown open to the public. The new park is situated just west of the Summit Hotel.

President Samuel Rea and directors and officials of the Pennsylvania railroad were given a brief reception by representative citizens when they arrived in Altoona on a tour of inspection. Ed J. Bigley, president of the Altoona Booster Association, delivered the welcoming speech and in his reply President Rea said: "We hope to enlarge operations here and elsewhere and to continue to make the Pennsylvania railroad the greatest transportation system in the world."

Twelve buildings, housing families, factories, a newspaper office and other business concerns, were destroyed by fire at Marienville. The loss is estimated at $100,000. John Valentour, chief of the Kane fire department, and four other men were injured when their automobile overturned near Frost while they were en route to Marienville.

Irving Herbster, of Youngstown, caught a brown trout that measured 22 inches and weighed five pounds and six ounces.

Harry Gandertion, 22 years old, of Shenandoah, on the way to see a doctor, dropped on the street and died shortly afterward from heart trouble.

Daniel E. Musser, of Mount Joy, was thrown beneath a wagon and his left arm crushed.

Falling down stairs at her home, Mrs. Margaret Eugena, 84, of Bellwood, fractured both wrists and her nose and was probably fatally injured.

Charles Pierce, of St. Clair, near Pottsville, died at the Milliken Hospital, the result of a frozen foot last winter. When it first was observed that Pierce's foot was frozen the toes were amputated and later the entire foot was taken off at the ankle, but this did not stop the progress of blood-poisoning.

Mrs. Emma L. Hahn, administratrix of the estate of the late Palmer Hahn, of Bethlehem, an officer employed by the Lehigh Valley railroad, sued the company to recover $25,000 for the death of her husband, who was killed by an engine in the Lehigh Valley yards March 31.

The department of forestry is furnishing a Pennsylvania elm for the John Burroughs forest, Big Indian, Ulster county, N. Y. Each state is sending a tree and each will be marked. The forest contains trees named for each president and the elms will be for each year of the late naturalist's age.

Handsome homes in the fashionable Sylvan Hills section, Hollidaysburg, were threatened with destruction by a fire of unknown origin in the woods of the John Kazmaier and W. L. Nicholson properties. Fire companies from Hollidaysburg and Lakemont Park extinguished the blaze, but not before valuable ornamental shrubbery and trees were destroyed.

Two more contracts for improvement of highways in York county have been awarded by the state highway department as a result of bids opened in April, and one for the Crawford-Venango propositions. Awards in the last few days have run into millions of dollars and an immense amount of work is to be undertaken under them immediately. The York projects awarded include 25,883 feet in Spring Grove borough and Jackson and West Manchester townships at $171,067.28, and 13,911 feet in York, Windsor and North Hopewell townships at $88,473.70, both going to the Bethlehem Engineering and Construction company, of Bethlehem. The county will pay the entire cost. The northwestern work includes 21,562 feet in Randolph and Troy townships, Crawford and Plum townships, Venango, to the Charles H. Fry Construction company, Erie, at $272,426.10. This section is on the main road from Meadville to Warren.

Dr. William M. Guilford, dean of the surgical profession in Lebanon county, was honored with a banquet by the Lebanon County Medical Society on the occasion of his completion of 70 years of active practice. Dr. Guilford is in his 90th year.

Northumberland county commissioners have been given authority by the state water supply commission to build three new bridges while authority has been given Columbia, Cleaver and Snyder counties to construct much once.

Mrs. Warner Shawver, who resides in the heart of the Black Log mountains, on what is known as the "Green Briar Farms," has appealed before the state game commission for the right to trap or shoot a certain wild turkey gobbler that has been causing her trouble annually for the past several years. Mrs. Baldwin breeds flocks of tame turkeys, both hens and gobblers, and the big wild fellow insists on coming down from the mountains and thrashing the tame gobblers and acting as king of the flock.

The widespread fear that a total loss of the fruit crop would result from the recent severe frosts in the Juniata valley has been partly allayed by reports from various sections that much of the blossoming fruit has escaped destruction. Roberts Clark, secretary of the local branch of the state farm bureau, has found that the apple crop will reach a one-third normal yield at least and that many orchards of peach and cherry trees are but slightly injured.

York county council temporarily assigned to Mayor Hugentugler the duties of city highway commissioner, which office was vacated by the death of Councilman John H. Dobbling.

State highway and police departments worked out a plan to round up automobiles and trucks with defective tags of which thousands have been reported. When it was discovered some of the tags were "peeling" Registrar Eynon offered to replace these which were illegible, but, while probably 10,000 have been turned in and new sets issued, there are many which cannot be read. Every car with a bad tag will be stopped and the driver warned of the $10 to $15 fine for driving a car with an illegible tag.

A series of nightly burglaries in York was added to when the store of the York Undertaking company and Beal's restaurant were entered. From the former $70 was obtained and from the latter $13, while $132 and valuable jewelry was taken from the home of William A. Rowe. Here the burglars were so thorough that the mattresses were removed from the beds and sliced open.

D. C. Tissel, of Walnut, has been appointed forest ranger for the western section of Juniata county, to include the Licking Creek and Black Log valleys.

Joseph Betsel, a Hazleton barber, convicted of shooting 19-year-old Adam Peake last winter, was sentenced to a year in jail and fined $100.

The Bethlehem Steel company has blown in a second furnace at its Steelton plant, where for months only one furnace has been in operation.

Drawn under a moving train when his raincoat caught as he attempted to alight, William F. Faragher, a Brownsville Bohemian, was seriously injured.

Dealers in Mt. Carmel have reduced the price of milk from 14 to 12 cents a quart.

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