

# YOUNG APRIL by Dorothy Chadwick

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Again she stalked to the telephone, demanded the Prentice number in a dangerous voice, and a moment later relieved her mind of its burden of resentment directly into the Prentice ear.

"Well, that makes me feel a little better." She turned from the telephone to look at Phoebe who was perched on the couch, staring with enormous eyes. "I don't think much," said Aunt Bea, "of your future father-in-

law, my dear."

"Oh, I don't either. I—I hate him! He's mean and hard. And—and the trouble is," she went on in a small breathless voice, "I'm afraid Ben's a whole lot like him." And then quite suddenly Phoebe was sobbing in her aunt's arms.

IN THE following days Miss Palmer found herself thinking about young Ben Prentice a good deal. Like father, like

son? She herself had been most favorably impressed by the boy on the few occasions when she had seen him. And yet there was that stubborn-looking brush of hair of his! that very direct pair of eyes; that uncompromising manner. Aunt Bea sighed. Maybe Ben would turn into another Edwin Prentice. And if he did, heaven protect the woman who married him!

Observing her niece, she came to the conclusion that Phoebe was in a very doubtful frame of mind toward the young man, herself, though the child offered no further confidences. And considering everything, Miss Palmer felt that the best thing for Phoebe to do would be to stay away from Ben for a while. She encouraged Phoebe to prolong her visit, and with this in mind she wrote a long letter to Caroline.

"I hate to, but I suppose I'd better be going home," Phoebe was saying one evening when a week had passed.

Miss Palmer looked up from her jig-saw puzzle—she adored puzzles and cared less than a snap for the fact that no one did them any more—and said cheerfully, "But if you hate to, why go? You know I love having you."

"But I don't think I ought to keep hanging around when you are so busy, Aunt Bea. And you keep giving me dinners."

"Nonsense." Aunt Bea paused to pounce on a piece that had been invisible for ten minutes and was right under her nose all the time. "But if it would make you feel better, you could help me."

"How?"

"In the restaurant. The girl that usually comes to help with salads and desserts for dinner has just left. I've got to find another, so if you think you'd like to do it yourself, you can," said Aunt Bea.

"Oh, Aunt Bea! You know I'd love it!"

Phoebe's visit was prolonged indefinitely, and late each afternoon she walked across Washington Square to the restaurant on West Ninth Street. Sometimes she sat at the cashier's table by the door, collecting dinner checks and counting out change from the dimes and quarters and nickels in the red lacquered cash box. But usually she was in the kitchen, fixing salads for Matzu, who hovered impatiently with his tray, waiting for her to fill his order, handing out desserts to Matzu

and Lee and George, watching Anna rule the waiters.

Caroline's letters arrived almost daily, and there were long ones from her father which were somehow comforting though he never mentioned any trouble. But Ruth didn't write—except for the short note telling Phoebe that her father had left the hospital and they were moving into Aunt Bea's house—and Phoebe was a little hurt. Then one day Ruth came into New York to see her.

Aunt Bea happened to be out shopping, and the two girls sat facing each other, feeling a little strange in the apartment living room. Phoebe asked Ruth how her father was.

"Well, he's still in bed, but he's getting better all the time. The bungalow is nice."

"Do you s'pose you'll be able to keep warm there in winter?"

"Oh, I think so. It's got beaverboard, you know."

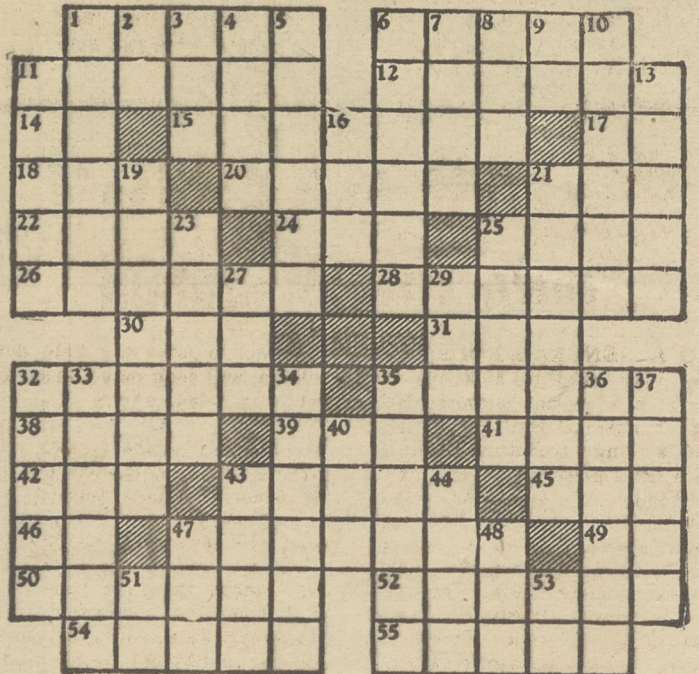
They looked at each other in silence. "Ruth, why don't you tell me about everything?"

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## TOWN QUIZ: Answers

- Third base.
- Norma Shearer, Erroll Flynn, Fred Astaire, Stuart Erwin.
- Yes; no, he must wait 2 years; yes, it is a part of Northern Australia.
- The lamas are the priests of Buddhist faith in Tibet. (The South American beast of burden is spelled llama. The monkey-like animal of Madagascar is a lemur.)
- Eskar
- False, it is Rhode Island; False, True.
- Cartography.
- April 6, 1917.
- Amazon.
- Gem—Idaho; Buckeye—Ohio; Sooner—Oklahoma; Hawkeye—Iowa.
- "This heat is almost unbearable."
- Hebrew.
- Peanuts, like potatoes, are grown underground.
- The ability to move 550 pounds 1 foot in 1 second.
- 56 inches.
- Fried and stewed.
- The statement is true; Catherine the Great was a German princess who married a Romanoff.
- Wilhelmstrasse—Berlin; Rue de la Paix—Paris; Fifth Avenue—New York; The Bund—Shanghai.
- The Sphinx—Egypt; Stonehenge—England; Catacombs—Rome; The Louvre—Paris.
- Montivideo.

## CROSS WORD PUZZLE

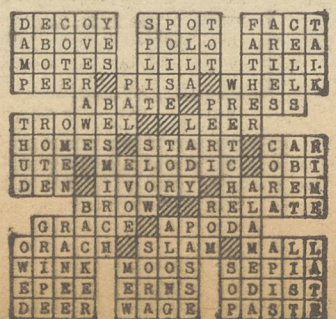


SOLUTION NEXT WEEK

- HORIZONTAL**
- Vegetable dish
  - To plunge swiftly
  - To stick
  - Blackened
  - Conjunction
  - Honest
  - Sun god
  - Curve
  - Record
  - Dog
  - Title
  - Before
  - To mislay
  - Influenced
  - Appeared
  - Number
  - To drink
  - Fragments of pottery
  - Seniors
  - Feminine pronoun
  - To write
  - To cease
  - Bitter vetch
  - Harbors
  - Organ of head
  - To act
  - Veranda
  - Mother
  - Still
  - A fish
  - Garments
  - Food

- Mineral
- Conjunction
- To read
- Fuels
- Ventured
- Vehicle
- Parts of volcanoes
- To contend
- Those who color
- Conducts
- Finish
- Cloth measure
- Discards
- Brave
- Pastimes
- To bury
- Traveled
- Fish
- Unit of work
- Enclosed
- Derogatory remark
- Edible seed
- Beverage
- Behold!
- Musical note

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



- VERTICAL**
- Sadness
  - Exclamation
  - French plural article
  - Dry
  - Refused
  - Cubic metric measure (pl.)
  - On guard

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