

# LITTLE PRINCESS WILLFUL

By DAVID CORY

The little princess sat before her dressing table combing her long golden hair.

"It's very dreadful to have so many people love you," she said to herself in the mirror. "It's really a very sad thing indeed to make so many princesses unhappy."

Now the little princess did not really mean this, for she was something of a flirt, but then it sounded well and, besides, she wanted to impress her favorite monkey who sat beside her on the rug contemplating the ceiling.

"Nonsense!" said he. "You know you love admiration more than anything in the world—except me," he added impartially, surveying himself in the mirror.

"You conceited little wretch," cried the little princess. "If you were a man now I'd punish you for that. But you're only a monkey and, besides, I'm too fond of you." Which showed that the little princess had a heart though no man as yet had been so fortunate as to find it.

"Very well, a strange prince comes today to visit the castle. Do not let him fall in love with you."

"What shall I do?" inquired the little princess.

"Tell him," answered the monkey, "that there is no use in his coming at all, as you are tired to death of admiration."

"Oh, you dear monkey! how interesting it will be!" cried the little princess, catching hold of the monkey's forelock and waltzing around the room with him. "But suppose he is very handsome," she said thoughtfully after a pause. "The monkey smiled sarcastically.

"Oh, well," said the little princess, flushing. "I'll stick to the bargain but you need not be disagreeable about it."

Now there were half a dozen suitors of the little princess coming that afternoon to learn their fate.

The king and queen were very much worried about their willful daughter. She would not marry any of the many princes who sought her hand. The king and queen could not understand a girl like this and neither could the princess.

The little princess descended the marble stairs to the court room where the royal papa and mamma sat in state upon their royal thrones. The monkey trotted beside her and she confided to him on the way that she felt more willful than ever.

The six princes sat watching the door expectantly. As she entered they all rose and formed a line in front of her. The little princess, however, was not dismayed. She faced them bravely.

"Now you know," said she, "that I have told you each separately many times that I do not love you. But because my papa and mamma feel so badly that I do not marry I may decide upon one of you today. I am going to ask each of you the same question and perhaps I'll marry the one whose answer pleases me the best."

The princess said nothing but bowed very low in answer.

"What made you love me?" she asked turning to the prince at the head of the line.

"Because you are so beautiful," he replied.

And the next prince gave the same answer, and the next, and the next, until the little princess was quite wearied with the same reply.

As she turned to go she noticed another prince, a stranger, who had come unnoticed into the room. Their eyes met and she approached with the same question on her lips.

"What made—" she began, when the monkey, who was by her side, whispered, "Remember our bargain." She stopped, confused.

"Oh, I didn't mean that," she said. "I really forgot. I mean, of course, I wouldn't ask you that question."

"No," answered the strange prince, who, by the way, had a very interesting pair of dark eyes, indeed, "there would be no sense in it."

"You see," said the little princess again, trying to recollect what the monkey had told her to say. "You see—I mean—I meant to tell you that I am tired of being asked to marry, and all that—and—and—I am—I am indeed," she ended helplessly, turning to the monkey for approval, but he had disappeared in the most cowardly manner possible.

"Yes," said the prince, "so I see." He glanced ironically at the six forlorn princesses.

"What do they see in you?" he asked meditatively, gazing at her in the most abstract manner possible. This fairly took away the breath of the little princess. He gave her plenty of time to recover, however, regarding her during the operation with the same impersonal gaze.

When the little princess found her breath again, she said: "Don't you think you might see something in me in time to love if you looked long enough?" She had forgotten all about her promise to the monkey, but suddenly remembering it, she finished in dire confusion:—

"Oh, really, I beg your pardon—I didn't mean that, either. You see—at least—oh, just wait till I get at that miserable monkey!"

The prince looked politely inquiring.

"I suppose you think I am perfectly crazy," said the little princess in great annoyance.

For answer the prince only smiled. At this the little princess could stand no more. She marched off in high dudgeon, dismissing the six expectant princesses without any satisfaction and going in search of the monkey. She found him in her own room asleep on his mat.

"Really, your princess are very tiresome," he said, when she awakened him. "I feel quite worn out."

"Worn out!" ejaculated the little princess, indignantly. "You are a perfect sneak of a monkey! What right had you to run away just when I was in such trouble? I have a great mind to pinch you."

"If you do," said the monkey, "I won't give you any more advice and I know you want somebody."

The little princess suddenly dimpled all over. "He really is unusually interesting," she said demurely. "Oh, dear, monkey, tell me how to make him love me and I'll give you the biggest sugar plum you ever had in your life. If you think he ever would really and truly love me," she added with the most surprising humility. "I think I would like to marry him very much indeed."

"Then," said the monkey, "all you have to do is to go ahead and be just as much like yourself as possible."

Which was really the most complimentary thing that the monkey in his position as adviser to the princess, had ever said to her.

All of a sudden, however, the little princess saw through it all. Running to the monkey, she knelt beside him, exclaiming: "You dear, wise, old monkey! You did it all on purpose! You knew I was too willful to fall in love any other way!"

But the monkey never said a word—only sat and smiled and regarded the handsome prince and the little princess complacently.

## At HOME

A Department for Industrious Housewives

### Cereal Pudding

Children who refuse to eat oatmeal or farina or any of the other wholesome cooked cereals may be tempted with them if they are served baked in this way instead of plain cooked:

Into a buttered baking dish pour any cooked cereal. Between each two layers of cereals place a layer of thinly sliced apples and a little sugar. Add enough cold water to moisten, and bake for 30 minutes. A few raisins may be sprinkled on top if desired.

### Chocolate Custard

1 cupful of sugar  
2 cupfuls of milk  
2 teaspoonfuls of flour  
2 tablespoonfuls of melted chocolate  
1 teaspoonful of vanilla  
3 eggs  
Pinch of salt.

Scald the milk and mix with beaten eggs, sugar and flour and other ingredients. Cook in a double boiler for 15 minutes, stirring until thick.

Plain junket or rennet, as it is sometimes called, is very wholesome, but rather insipid. Served with a spoonful of melted sweet chocolate its flavor is considerably improved, and the dish made more attractive.

Peanuts are usually liked by most children, and as they have a food value equal to meat they can be prepared to form the main dish of the children's meal. Finely ground peanuts or a good peanut butter may be converted into an excellent cream soup or into a mock meat loaf. The slightly sweet flavor of the peanut makes it taste more like a dessert, and satisfies wholesomely the child's craving for sweets.

### Peanut Loaf

Mix together one cupful of ground peanuts or peanut butter and two cupfuls of cooked rice. Season very sparingly and bake for 20 minutes. A few breadcrumbs may be sprinkled on top with bits of butter so as to brown the top crust. Serve with a cream sauce with a few whole peanuts sprinkled on top.

### Cream of Peanut Soup

Melt one-half cupful of peanut butter. Melt two tablespoonfuls of butter, add two tablespoonfuls of flour and rub smooth. Gradually add four cupfuls of cold milk, blending well and rubbing smooth. Mix a little of this liquid with melted peanut butter and gradually add to the whole. Heat well, strain and serve.

### Popovers

2 cupfuls of flour  
2 cupfuls of milk  
2 tablespoonfuls of baking powder  
1 tablespoonful of melted butter  
1-2 teaspoonful of salt

Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder, gradually add the milk, stirring constantly to get the batter smooth. Pour in the butter and continue beating with the egg-beater for fully two minutes. In the meantime heat buttered gem pans, and pour the mixture into the gem pans, baking in a hot oven for 20 minutes.

To make a delicious cream puff, break the popovers in half when cold and fill with whipped cream to which powdered sugar and a few drops of

## Here's Perfect Food

Science holds that milk is a perfect human food, and some idea of its importance may be gained from the fact that about one-sixth of the total food of an average family is furnished by its products.

Of the various mammals whose milk is used for food in different parts of the world may be mentioned the goat, the buffalo in India, the llama in South America, the camel in desert countries and the mare on the steppes of Russia and Central Asia. Sheep's milk is used in some countries for making cheese and the milk of reindeer is commonly used in Arctic regions. In America and most of Europe, however, the milk of cows so far surpasses all other kinds in importance that when the word milk is used it is understood to refer to cow's milk.

Good, unadulterated milk should contain about 87 per cent water and 13 per cent solids. Milk contains bacteria of many kinds and in varying numbers. They cause the souring of milk as well as the ripening of cream and cheese, and produce many other changes in the appearance and flavor. The number present in freshly drawn milk varies enormously with the conditions of milking, and as they are greatly increased with dirty and careless handling, cleanliness in all matters pertaining to milk, whether in the barnyard, in marketing, or in the home, cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Disease germs, such as those of typhoid, diphtheria, scarlet fever and tuberculosis, may be carried in milk, so that the purity of the milk supply is of vital importance.

The problem of keeping milk sweet is one of checking the growth of the bacteria, and as they are inactive at a temperature below 50 Fahr., milk should be kept in a cool place. Two common methods for preserving milk are pasteurization and sterilization. In the former the aim is to apply heat in such a way as to kill most of the bacteria without producing undesirable changes in the milk; in the latter to apply enough heat to kill all the bacteria, but with the least possible undesirable change.

What is commonly called the richness of milk depends upon the amount of butter fat it contains.

The value of milk for adults is in combination with other foods, not as a beverage merely, but to supply in part the materials needed for the body. Unless exceedingly high prices are paid for it, milk is fully as economical a source of nourishment as other animal foods, but more costly than most staple vegetable products. Milk, however, requires no preparation, has no waste, and is more thoroughly digested than most vegetable foods.

## Viscount Grey's Big Fish Story

Another mystery that has long puzzled fishermen has been cleared up. Followers of Isaac Walton may now understand why they are unable to capture the fish that is hooked, once it is able to reach the reeds or other obstructions in the water. If they but accept the latest authority, they may save themselves many hopeless battles.

When fish are able to reach the reeds or other growth in water they seize upon that article with their mouths, fasten their teeth about it and cling so hard that the best work of the man with the pole and line ceases not to dislodge them. That is the declaration made by Viscount Grey, British financier and diplomat, who was recently in this country. It is contained in his book on fly fishing that came from the publisher only a few days since. He says it is based on facts that have come within his knowledge during the years he has spent after game fish in inland waters. It is particularly true of trout.

There are fishermen who have explained the loss of a fine fish under such circumstances by saying the line was fouled about the obstruction, but Viscount Grey insists the fish makes wise use of the goods the gods provide and his strong jaws explain why the fisherman may not take him. Like all other important facts that pertain to fishing, there will be discussion of his claim, but it is important to note it was made by one of long experience in the waters of both continents.

vanilla have been added.

### Omelet

2 eggs  
2 tablespoonfuls of hot milk or hot water  
1 tablespoonful of butter  
1-4 teaspoonful of salt.

Beat the eggs thoroughly, and gradually add milk and salt. Melt the butter in a frying pan, pour in the eggs and shake the pan until the egg browns on one side. Set in oven to brown on top.

To make a jelly omelet remove the omelet carefully from pan on serving platter, spread with jelly or preserve, and then roll in a cake jelly roll. In fact any kind of fancy omelet may be made on this basis: Chopped, cooked bacon, grated American cheese and so forth.

For foamy omelet the whites must be separated from the yolks, beaten stiff and rolled in last.

## French Styles Opposed By Paris Society

The chief designer for Poiret's, the most fashionable dressmaking firm in Paris was highly amused when asked if the exclusive Parisian houses designing in gowns were alarmed at the world-wide campaign against immodest feminine attire which has just been launched by L'Action Sociale de la Femme.

"One cannot legislate feminine fashions," said the designer. "We only make what our clients want. Why, sometimes even after we complete a gown the lady for whom it was made complains that the corsage is not low enough, even though it was exaggerated in the first place, and the skirt is too long to display all her charms. Sometimes the mother of a girl will make this complaint when the gown is for the daughter. And that is not all—sometimes the husband demands it!"

Stage Is Scored  
The new organization is making immodest attire in the ballroom only

## HOUSE-HOLD NOTES

### SUBSTITUTE FOR A KITCHEN CABINET

During cold weather keep your pantry shut off, and it will be cool enough to keep the food and save an ice bill. Take the refrigerator into the kitchen, and use it for a cabinet. Put spices, flavorings, baking powder, etc., on the shelves, and keep the larger packages of cereals and such things in the ice compartment. Put casters on your kitchen table, and when you want to cook, roll it over near the refrigerator, doing all your work in warm kitchen. Knives, spoons, etc., may be kept in the table drawer, and a shelf and a few hooks will hold the dishes and pans used often.

A stool 24 inches high will be a great help. Sit on it to iron, cook, wash dishes, peel vegetables and turn the wash wringer, and you will not be so tired when night comes.

## Decline of the Apron

The apron is worn today by the woman who is not ashamed to work, but in earlier centuries it was an article of clothing assumed by aristocracy and even royalty. The word has undergone a curious deprecation; it was originally "a napron," but the "n" became affixed to the wrong letter. The opposite process occurred in "an ekename," which was eventually transformed into "a nickname."

## Coddling Moth Study Extended

A branch laboratory for investigation of the coddling moth will be established by the United States Department of Agriculture in the apple growing region of Northern Georgia, probably near Cornelia. A representative of the Bureau of Entomology is already on the ground and, though the exact location has not been determined, the laboratory will be ready for work this season. This section was selected as a typical Southern locality of commercial apple culture.

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one feature of its campaign. It is also starting a movement against nudity on the stage. One Paris musical show where a dancer appears nearly naked has come in for a particularly bitter attack from the reformers.

The American Federation of Women's Clubs and similar organizations in all civilized countries of the globe, will be invited to participate in the campaign. The French organization, numbering many of the leading suffrage workers of the country, will call for an exchange of views on the part of women of every nation, with a view to adopting an international appeal against prevailing fashions and some theatrical productions.

Mme. Germaine Marcille, one of the leaders in the French movement for dress reform, said that nearly forty women's organizations have signed the society's first circular of protest to the big dressmakers. She believes the movement will have a big effect on next winter's styles.

Occasionally a man earns a living without getting it, but more often he manages to get a living without earning it.

## Britain's Million of Jobless Women

Britain's 1,000,000 jobless women thrown out of employment when the war ended, are promised relief by the ministry of labor, which has appointed a committee of the most prominent women in public life to find them jobs.

The marchioness of Crewe is chairman of the committee. She said that the object of her organization was "to consider, devise and carry out schemes of work and training for women who are unemployed or whose earning capacities and opportunities as a result of conditions arising out of the war."

"Quiet, industrious and patriotic, a large body of women sacrificed all in the great struggle against Germany," she explained. "Demobilization found them either without employment or forced to engage in work entirely unworthy of their capacity. We are going to help them."

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## Fashion Notes

Hats of natural leghorn with fringed brim edge are an interesting item of millinery fashions.

Transparent foliage in brilliant coloring is a recent Parisian conceit in millinery trimming.

An effective and practical lingerie set suggested for a trousseau is of orchid georgette, devoid of lace, but trimmed pleasantly with tiny ruffles of self-material and narrow ribbons in orchid and yellow.

Some bolero suits are being shown and are suggested as being particularly smart and becoming for the

young, slender woman, for these are made only in misses' sizes.

The ripple suit of French origin has been copied by American manufacturers, but on decidedly modified lines, but not radical or extreme lines.

Smart modes in dresses are in evidence on all sides, until it is difficult to pick out any one mode for word portrayal, but frocks of tricotine are decidedly interesting when developed with plaited skirts and tailored surplice bodices that wrap about the waist and finish with sash effect, the entire bodice being almost completely covered with Japanese embroidery.

## What Women Want to Know

Here are a few of the questions that were asked home demonstration agents in Illinois during December. They indicate the kind of service these extension workers from the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural College give (and are willing to give to a still greater extent) to the people of their territories. They may not know the answers to all the questions asked them, but they are in touch with sources of information, both State and Federal, and can obtain the knowledge from an authority on the subject. Demonstration agents in any State doubtless could give as diversified list as this one from Illinois.

"Please plan a sample menu for a middle-aged man and woman who have but \$7 a week for food."

"I cooked lye hominy in an aluminum kettle and it turned quite black. What was the trouble?"

"Can you suggest suitable food for an old man with a weak stomach?"

"What points should be observed in the selection of a pressure cooker, wheeled tray and a vacuum cleaner?"

"Is there a possibility of putting a satisfactory indoor toilet in a house that has neither furnace nor water system?"

"I want to make soap of cracklings

and lye. The recipe says to use an iron kettle. Will it do to use my copper, apple-butter kettle?"

"Where can I get a good glass table top?"

"I would appreciate information about any practical electrical dishwasher."

"Can you tell me if the Elberta peach is a good variety to plant in northern Illinois?"

"The women in our unit want to beautify their yards. Can you send us material on landscape gardening?"

"Please send me suggestions for home bureau exhibits at country fairs."

"I have some chickens I do not care to keep on feeding. Please send me directions for canning them."

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