

APRIL ESCAPE

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SYNOPSIS

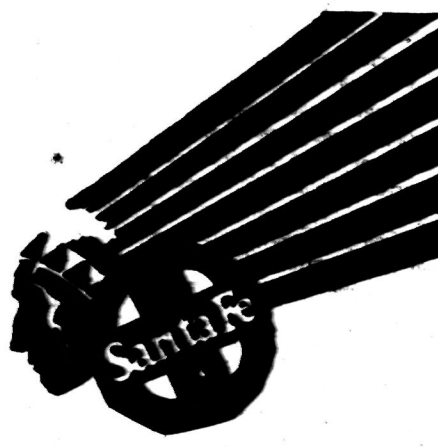
Mary Kate and Martin are the only working members of the Widow O'Hara's household. Martin is studying medicine at night. He gets a chance to go to Germany but has to refuse owing to financial circumstances. Mary Kate works in the office of Gordon Rountree, Rountree's friend, Christopher Steynes, who is being chased by a Russian countess who wants to marry him. He makes a business proposition to Mary Kate, that she act as his wife for twenty-four hours in order to discourage the countess. Mary Kate accepts in order to give the money to Martin for his trip. She tells her mother she has to go on a business trip for the office, and Mrs. Steynes in Burlington. She has dressed in preparation for the dinner where she is to meet the countess.

CHAPTER XVI.—(Cont'd.)

"We have ten minutes," Chris told her, motioning toward a chair. She sat down against a high back of old red brocade embroidered with tarnished bullion. Against it the dazzling purity of hair and skin, and the folds of the ivory gown, shone out with startling beauty.

"Will you smoke?"
"No, thank you."
"Can you?"
"I never tried."
"Do you drink at all?"
Again the placid, dignified glance from the blue eyes.
"I never have."
"You dance, Mary?"
"Oh—fance!" Her voice was rich with rapture. The man laughed.
"I'm very proud of my wife!" he said, with a sly sideways glance.
Her color rushed up, but she spoke with composure.
"Now that we're this far into it, it's all right. But all of a sudden it seems to me a perfectly crazy thing to do!"
"I don't know why." There was a little telephone on the table near him, he indicated it idly. "You could call your mother on that, and be talking to her in half a minute."
"Yes, I thought of that."
"You see, there are lots of things that girls couldn't do, generations ago, that they can do now. For instance, suppose you really were going on a trip from the office," Christopher argued, "and some perfectly personable young man—some man who might easily be in love with you, was sent along too. That situation must be constantly occurring."
"Oh, it is!" Mary Kate agreed eagerly, as he paused, feeling more and more comfortable every minute.
"You and he dine together on the train, perhaps make a trip of several days, at hotels and on trains," the man pursued, "without anyone thinking the less of you!"
"Yes, I know. Just the same," Mary Kate said frankly, "if my mother ever gets onto this she'll skin me!"
"She'll never get on to it!"
"Not if I can help it!"
"By the way, we were married more than a month ago," Christopher reminded her suddenly. "We'd better settle the date."

She reflected, and he had an opportunity to study unobserved the slim lovely body in the ivory satin, the thoughtfully dropped coppery head, the beauty of the white bare shoulders and bare throat.



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"Suppose we say February—twenty-third?" Mary Kate suggested, looking up.

"The day after Washington's birthday?"

"We can remember it by that. And where?"

"Let's say Washington again. We can't forget Washington."

"That's a grand place to be married!" she said innocently.

"By the way, have you a handkerchief?"

"Yes. That's—" she said, with the sudden sapphire smile that lighted her whole classic face. "That's the only part of my trousseau that I bought myself."

She waved it, a filmy bit of veiling edged with deep delicate lace.

"It was two dollars," she confessed.

"But isn't it darling?"

Christopher pressed a bell.

"Peter," he said to the old man, who promptly appeared, "will you bring my cousin that white box in the hall? These are your violets. I thought of orchids," Christopher told her, as she began happily to investigate the silky tissues. "But with that gown I'm glad it's violets."

Mary Kate bent her face over them, sniffed deeply.

"Oh, smell those—did you ever smell anything so delicious?" she said, making a long arm to extend them to him.

She stood up and watched herself in the mantel mirror, while she carefully pinned them on her shoulder.

The touch of royal purple was the last one needed, with the ivory satin, the blazing hair, and the old pearls.

"I'll tell you frankly—why shouldn't I? I'll probably never see you after tomorrow," Chris said, "that you're ravishing! I dare you to keep that gown and be married in it. Come on, Mary," he said picking up her wrap, "we have to go."

He jerked himself into his own light coat; he wore no hat.

"Exactly like a movie!" thought Mary Kate, in a very rapture over her gown and flowers, her jewels and furred coat, her slippers, her escort, as they went out to the car.

She spoke very little on the mile drive. Christopher completed his instructions.

"Now, remember, we have to take this with a rush. They won't suspect, unless we do something raw, and we've simply got to be careful. Just keep thinking how utterly indifferent you'd be if it was some other man with his wife, and keep your chin up. After all, they're not going to ask us for our license, you know! Oh, Lord—"

"What is it?" Mary Kate asked, alarmed at his tone.

"Have you a wedding ring?"

"Oh, yes, from the Five-and-Ten." She laughed jocosely. "I thought of that!" she exclaimed.

"Then we're all set. And here we are. Now—up guards and at them!"

CHAPTER XVII.

They entered another richly furnished, warmly lighted house, but not half so pretty as El Hogar, Mary Kate thought. This was an older house, comfortable, but not beautiful. The front doorway was widely opened upon a wide hallway, on this sort spring night, and their host—familiar, stout Mr. Rountree—was crossing the hall as they came up the steps.

"Oh, hello, there you are! The others are here," he said, welcoming them.

"You know Mrs. Steynes, Gordy?" Chris said.

"I should say I do. How do you do, Mrs. Steynes," Gordon Rountree said, with a broad significant smile. "Will you go in there and leave your coat? I'll wait for you and take you in."

Mary Kate, wishing herself well out of the whole silly thing, and thinking herself a fool, followed directions, and was promptly taken into a big comfortable, obviously bachelor suite of sitting and smoking and living rooms generally, where there was quite a formidable group of persons.

First came Doctor and Mrs. Ridley, nice, aristocratic, rather stupid-looking, middle-aged persons, who were not in the least interested in her. Joe Davey—Don Archibald, the polo man, Harry Ainslee, Kent Ainslee.

"Countess, may I present Mrs. Steynes? Mrs. Steynes, Countess Yarnowska. Countess Marika Yarnowska."

Mary Kate saw two lean, dark, rather sickly looking women facing her. They were exactly alike, except for a difference of some nineteen years.

Both wore shabby, ornate dresses cut extremely low, and dark, scrambled hair. Both wore elaborate jewelry, and heavy ear-rings.

"What do you say?" the older asked sharply, with an instant and astonishing glance from the host to Christopher, who was closely following Mary Kate.

"My wife," Christopher said. "Didn't you get my announcement?"

"You are married?" the senior countess asked blankly.

"A month ago, Countess. Was it not, dear?" Christopher asked Mary Kate.

"Five weeks!" she answered readily, but bravely. "It was the twenty-third."

"You are married?" the European woman asked again, frowning.

"Suddenly," Christopher said.

"But—but I do not understand," said Countess Yarnowska. "She is beautiful, yes. But I do not know you are married."

She remained staring blankly, severely, at Christopher. Mary Kate relieved the situation with an artless laugh.

"We very much surprised ourselves!" she confessed.

"You marry—in America—" pursued the older woman, relentlessly.

Gordy Rountree, who had gone off into a loud laugh at the remark of Mary Kate, now was recalled by a withering look from Christopher, and began to pass canapes feverishly. The other men had gathered to the radiant vision that was young Mrs. Steynes, and Mary Kate was shyly holding a little court.

"Bo—why you don't tell me!" demanded the Countess.

"It was very sudden," Christopher said, suavely.

"Sudden! But—not so quick like that!" protested the European.

"I assure you we do everything very quickly, we Americans," the man persisted.

The younger Russian woman now spoke hurriedly to her mother in their own tongue. Their faces were dark and angry, but Mary Kate, flutteringly laughing and talking in a ring of young males, assured herself that there was no suspicion.

"My daughter says that she doesn't like to be surprised like this," said Countess Yarnowska, flatly. The younger woman looked defiantly at Christopher, her head high.

"You should have had an announcement in the mail," Christopher explained.

"Come on. Everyone come out to dinner!" Gordon Rountree said hospitably. He rather bustled his distinguished guests toward the dining room where a long and brilliant board was banked with spikes of pale blue delphinium and exquisite pink roses.

Nice, dull, elderly Mrs. Ridley was on the host's left, the elder countess on his right.

"Mrs. Steynes," said Mary Kate O'Hara's employer, "will you take the foot of the table, and be the Mama? Chris, do you want to sit next to your wife? Doctor, will you take that chair, next to the Countess Marika—now, does that come out right?"

"You look like a duchess!" Chris said, in an undertone, with a quick glance of encouragement to Mary Kate, as he sat down.

"Here, no whispering!" Gordon Rountree said.

"I was saying something nice to Mary!" Chris confessed easily.

(To be continued.)

Revenge

The little set in the suburban avenue had long decided that Browne was over-proud of his bargain in the second-hand car market, and that something must be done to damp his aggressive enthusiasm.

Robinson, one of the set, was on his way to the city one day when he met Browne in his second-hand car.

"I'm going to the station," said the car-owner. "Would you like a lift?"

"No, thanks," said Robinson, seizing his chance. "I'm in rather a hurry."



"It's generally a pretty girl who's easy on the eye."

CANADA'S FIRST UNIVERSITY
In the town of Windsor, Nova Scotia, a tablet has been erected by the National Parks of Canada Branch, Department of the Interior, commemorating the founding of King's College, in 1789, the first university in Canada and the oldest in the British overseas dominions.

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The Admiral, coming across a midshipman, thought he would improve the shining hour. "What do you call this instrument?" he asked. "That's the gyro-compass, sir." "Quite so, and what is the name of this one?" "Oh, that is the standard compass, sir." "Quite correct. Now, what is the function of the standard compass?" "Well, sir," replied the midshipman, innocently, "when there isn't any 'gold-lace' about we uncrew it and play roulette with it."

British apprentices are very popular in French racing stables, as French boys are said not to understand or care about horses.

A woman will usually forgive a husband's past if he comes home with a present.

Something Added
Smithson, the city man, was spending his week-end on a friend's farm. During an inspection of the sheds he saw one of the farm laborers milking a cow.

"How much milk does that cow give a day?" he asked.

The man paused in his labors.

"'bout eight quarts, surr," he replied.

"Really," said Smithson interestedly. "And how much of that do you sell?"

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"What's your husband's vocation?" he asked.

"He's a vegetarian," she replied haughtily.

The magistrate looked puzzled.

"No, no," he said tersely. "I mean what does he do for a living?"

"I told you once," she replied. "He's a vegetarian. He sells vegetables."

A man went into a shop for a shave and was waited upon by a man who waxed eloquent on the germ-proof nature of the business. The towel was super-heated, the razor sterilized, the soap bactericidal, and the comb and brush antisepticized. "Great scheme," said the customer, who had been waiting patiently for the discourse to finish, "but why don't you go ahead and shave me?" "But I'm not the barber, sir," said the man. "You're not?" "Then where is he?" exclaimed the customer. "They're boiling him," the man replied.

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This is one of a series of weekly articles on health topics, written by the Canadian Social Hygiene Council.

Diphtheria Can Be Prevented

If for ten years or less, Canada were to pay as much money towards preventing this disease as Canadians now pay for curing it and burying its victims, it could be virtually eliminated. And yet at the present time 13,500 Canadians experience expensive and dangerous attacks each year, with 1200 annual fatalities.

So you see, a great national work is being left undone.

How does diphtheria kill, and when that happens, the patient gets well.

Now once recovered, such an individual rarely gets the disease again. The defending army in his bloodstream has learned how to repel the attacks of this particular germ.

Comparatively recently doctors have discovered a substance called Toxoid which, when injected into a human body, induces the blood to develop that same resistance to an attack of diphtheria. In other words, the immunity to diphtheria which a patient painfully develops, it is now possible to give to a child by a simple, safe series of injections under the skin.

Your own family doctor can administer this treatment and it is up to all parents to make sure that their family doctors do so. It is safe and simple and sane and practically painless. At one time the city of New York immunized 10,000 infants with toxoid, without any ill effects whatever.

How much simpler to have your children undergo this simple treatment than to have your home quarantined and possibly lose a child or two through diphtheria! If only every public health department would see that this marvellous substance be put at the disposal of every parent, and if only all parents would insist upon protecting their children with it, diphtheria could be wiped out of Canada within ten years, and hundreds of lives and thousands of dollars saved every year.



"What do you consider the first sign of advancing age?"
"Getting mad when anybody calls you old."

Famous singers always travel in style. McCormack has several attendants, including an Italian chef, and always has a tank of special drinking water with him. Challapin travels with an interpreter, two secretaries, and his own "wine cellar." Galli-Curci, the famous soprano, has a suite of more than fifteen persons.

For Dry Skin—Minard's Liniment.

Curates are said to be drifting after training in Wales into England, where stipends are higher and the prospects of advancement are better.

Queer Animal

Bombay.—One of the queerest animals in the world was found in New Guinea and brought here for shipment to Europe by Herr Kibler, German naturalist. It is two feet long, has a bird-like bill, spines like a porcupine, pouch like a kangaroo, lives underground like a mole, lays eggs but suckles its young and adapts itself to temperature like a reptile.

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