

Velvet and Steel

PEARL BELLAIRS

By Pearl Bellaairs

CHAPTER III.
"HE MAKES MY FLESH CREEP"
 In her room in the Hotel Metropole that evening Joan was slipping into a frock of turquoise corded chiffon; it was quite a business getting it on, sliding into its soft coolness, that moulded itself to every line when it was on, and concealed into little waves of turquoise from the knees down. Georgia's maid had helped Joan to dress, and when she had finished Georgia came in to admire the frock.

"It goes so charmingly with your golden hair!" said Miss La Fontaine. "Brown eyes and golden hair—the gods blessed you, my dear, when you were born."
 "Most of the blessing has been done by you, Georgia!" Joan said. "So much against my will, too! I'm having a lovely time here with you—and I ought to be looking about for a mannequin, getting ready to strike out for myself."
 "Give up that silly idea of earning a living," said Miss La Fontaine. "Business, don't you earn a living with me?"
 "Darling, I must do something for myself. After all you have done for me, I must make something of myself."
 "If you want to do anything for yourself that will be really worth doing," said Miss La Fontaine, "be very nice to Lord Edward, and make him feel that he cannot possibly do without you!"
 "But I can do so well without him!" said Joan, pouting her pretty, tender mouth.
 "Yes," said Miss La Fontaine, "but he is such a nice fellow, really! And he is such a nice fellow who has his mind to it there sometimes that you feel that once it is about your family too deeply, Joan."
 Miss La Fontaine looked very red in her black chiffon velvet and pearls, and her look of whimsical aristocratic face.

"No, Georgia, you are wrong there. I promise you that the only reason why I should turn Lord Edward's head down is that I don't care for him one little bit."
 "His perfectly delightful villa that we saw only yesterday!" coaxed Miss La Fontaine, laughing. "Doesn't that suit you to your heart's content?"
 "Why, if you asked for it Lord Edward would give you a yacht more magnificent than Peter Hannen's!"
 "Oh, that man!" was all Joan said, as she turned away.
 "Yes," said Miss La Fontaine, and added drily: "By the way, he is coming to dinner tonight."
 "That charming, really? I don't know why you dislike him. Do you dislike him?"
 Joan turned to her with a little shudder and said fervently, though her cheeks dimpled as she did so: "George, he makes my flesh creep!"
 Miss La Fontaine trailed out indignantly, with a silvery laugh.

BETWEEN TWO MEN.
 They dined in a private dining room, all white marble and rose-colored silk, on the ground floor of the hotel, looking out upon the terrace and the starry night. The guests were Lord Edward, Piers Hannen, the Honourable Mrs. Dale and Colonel Dale, who was in the Foreign Office, Joan was looking absolutely at her best, Miss La Fontaine thought, and all this made a perfect background for her; she did not understand it, but she had a good background would count in influencing Lord Edward in Joan's favor. He was the kind of man to whom that sort of thing mattered a lot.

"I think we're more than friends," said Lord Edward. His confidence grew. He was so sure that every woman was anxious to hear his title and share his great wealth, that he asked her outright: "Would you like to be Mistress of Bligh Castle?"
 "It's very fine to be mistress of a castle," said Joan gravely.
 "He was a little put out; she looked so lovely in the dim light cast by a street lamp over the low stone curb of the garden in which they were standing."
 "You know what I mean," said Lord Edward. "I mean will you marry me?"
 "I've never met a girl whom I wanted for my wife except you. I think you're wonderful. What do you say to it, Joan?"
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Twelve O'clock Pie
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Woman's World
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Beef in Cabbage Leaves
 Two cups beef, chopped, salt and pepper to taste, 1 small onion, chopped, 1/2 cup cooked rice, 2 large tomatoes, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 2 tablespoons sugar, 8 large leaves cabbage.

Beef Lat
 Two cups beef, chopped, 1 teaspoon chopped onion, salt and pepper, 1/2 cup bread crumbs, 1/2 cup cold water, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup flour.

Mexican Beef
 Slice beef and reheat the following sauce: Cook an onion, finely chopped, in 2 tablespoons butter 5 minutes. Add 1 red pepper, 1 green pepper and 1 clove garlic, each finely chopped, and 2 tomatoes peeled and cut in pieces. Cook 15 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce, 1/2 teaspoon celery salt and salt to taste.

Tomato Cardini
 This dish represents an excellent method of serving small quantities of tomato or beef. Canned or fresh tomatoes may be used, if fresh they are skinned and sliced. If canned, just drain off liquid.

Lamb on Toast
 Remove 1/2 inch of fat from each side of the lamb. Chop most of the fat. To chopped meat, add an equal quantity cold bottled, chopped potato. Season with salt and pepper. Put in a hot buttered frying pan until mixture is spread evenly, then slowly underneath. Turn and fold on hot platter.

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