

A MATTER of MILLIONS. By Anna Katharine Green. Author of 'The Forsaken Inn,' etc. Copyright, 1890, by Robert G. Sargent & Sons.

CHAPTER XXV. Continued. 'It was years ago, after I had a paralytic stroke and lay in a miserable basement in a condition more helpless than that in which I am now...'

CHAPTER XXVI. THE QUEST. 'I took no one into my confidence. I merely told Mr. Cutting and the doctor that I was not at liberty to divide the fortune which had been left me...'

'And weeks went by, and months, and she never forgot to smile or say a word of hope or drop me a flower, which must often have been bought at the expense of a meal...'

'Thrown off my balance by this incident I next visited the various schools, and though I did not find a scholar to suit me, I heard of a young teacher who was said to possess every personal and mental attraction which one could desire in a woman...'

'My name is Jenny Rogers. Pray for me, as I shall be praying for you.' 'That book is under my head now, and when I am buried you will see that it is laid under these flowers you have given me...'

'But other girls of her name and character still live. For every hour she suffered, for every year she passed, another girl was joy and relief to me. You have promised it, and I rely upon you to keep your word...'

'I therefore hesitated to give him my last assurance, and pointing to the hall where the lawyer stood, asked him if he would feel any easier if his wishes were expressed on paper...'

There was a single Jenny Rogers in New York who possessed virtue as well as beauty, and character as well as grace.

'From her, then, I soon turned, whatever evidence you may adduce to the contrary. If a card bearing my name was found in a letter received by her that card was either stolen from my pocket or forged by some person anxious to get me into trouble...'

'Nor do I understand or seek to explain the violent death of that other girl, toward whom I finally arrived in sheer perplexity and despair. I bought the bonbons that were found in her room, because I had seen her stand one night with wistful eyes before a famous confectioner's, but I certainly did not poison them, or, indeed, tamper with them in any way...'

'I am told—and this is another mystery which I cannot explain—that she received a letter of warning against me, warning which I only merit her good! As to who was the writer of this anonymous note I cannot even hazard a guess...'

'The child of Abram Rogers was the first one that struck me favorably. Not that I was satisfied even with her beauty, but I had seen so many bold and uneducated girls among my wanderings among the poorer classes, where I naturally went first, that I could not but be struck by her innocent modesty of expression and the inherent goodness to be discerned in her sweet face...'

'The artist, who had passed through an infinite number of emotions and phases of feeling during this long recital, rose with a start at this sudden appeal and enthusiastically held out his hand...'

'Perfectly, perfectly,' he exclaimed. 'How can I thank you enough for your kindness in letting me be present at these explanations. I assure you that I feel the coils of fire burning on my head, and only hope that you will relieve me of them by abusing me roundly for the various discourtesies I have shown you...'

'But this physical disability of hers at once marked her as unfit for the position for which I sought her. I dared not give Mr. Delaney's money to one conspicuous for a defect when he had hidden me choose absolute beauty, at least not till I had sought further and found beyond all dispute that the city held to one of her name at once more charming and more worthy...'

'And here I want to say that, whatever consequences may have followed my undoubtedly mysterious actions, I am conscious of having done nothing that would in any way lay me open to the charge even of ungentlemanly conduct. I tried to make my inquiries and take all necessary observations myself, which, very perhaps, a mistake, but I never willfully led any girl to think I took a personal interest in her, nor did I ever breathe a word or give a glance that could be wrongly misinterpreted without the aid of the girl's own vanity...'

FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT. Revival of Linen Chest. Every woman in the shops today is in linen chests, more or less elaborate.

Nothing but a fine antique will do for some young women, and genuine old chests whose heavy wood is thickly covered and rich with color and lustre of centuries are not sold for a song...'

A strictly modern French chest made to fill a New York order is of dark oak, severely plain, but mounted in wonderful art nouveau metal work set with semiprecious stones...'

Such chests are not for all lovers of linen, but linen all women must have, and the earlier the collecting is begun the more satisfactory the supply is when its owner's wedding day comes...'

One reason for wearing a chin strap at night is that with sleep the jaws relax, and relaxation lies at the root of the loss of contour that comes to the face with middle life...'

Heat For Women. The rest hour is quite as necessary to women in summer as in winter. There are very few people who are not better for going away by themselves...'

Of course, the supply she will need will depend upon the position she will occupy, and certain basic rules of selection every one may follow. First there is the kitchen supply, of towels, glass towels, roller towels, dish cloths, checkcloth dusters, checkered apron holders, a bag for dishcloths, cotton flannel bags, to draw over the brooms when wood floors are to be finished...'

When this foundation is laid one has come to the delightful part of the work, the choosing of the general house linen in various grades. Here temptation meets one and occasion, and one must keep a level head and consider the practical as well as the beautiful, and one must learn to be an unerring judge of quality...'

Women Fifty Years Hence. The Rev. Dr. Hillis sees grave fears for man's future in the progress woman is making. He told them so in a sermon on 'Woman'...'

'In one of the greatest financial institutions of this great city not long ago a well-known man, drawing a salary of \$25,000 a year, suffered a nervous collapse. The directors selected the young woman who, for ten years had been the stenographer...'

'Eventually all the universities will be co-educational, and the women will carry off all the prizes. That's what they are afraid of in the colleges which will not allow women. The women study while the young men are educating the calves of their legs...'

Head Hints. A woman who has made a study of health gives the following suggestions for the care of the hair...'

'Let the air and sunshine have free access to it. Never wear a hat when you can go without it. It will retard the growth of your hair just as surely as covering up a plant would hinder its development...'

'You are right,' assented Mr. Deegan, 'very serious questions, indeed, are in a letter and poison we can discern the evidences of malicious feeling against the girls possessing this one name, which may not yet have expressed itself, and which, if we cannot trace its source, may extend itself to the Miss Rogers now staying with Miss Asplawell, with we do not know what fatal results...'

Under that way. Try it carefully for gentle pressure.—New York Tribune.

The Chin Strap. A chin strap for holding the jaws together at night is an excellent thing for checking the inroads of the double chin, that fatal sign of years and flabbiness...'

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FRILLS FASHION. Hats are in many cases made entirely of pleatings. Shoulder capes are fitted down over the shoulders and upper arms.

Sleeves gained the additional breadth by means of the ubiquitous pleat. Velvet covered bouffant adorn coats and dresses with equal success.

When girdles are pleated the pleats are so laid as to go round and round. Pleated blouses extend into pleated girdles are a feature of new costumes. French folds, either overlapping or caught by a four stitching, are yet in favor.

Buttons and buttonholes serve seriously as well as for ornament on tailor garments. There is a growing fancy for simple sorts of long, flowing, graceful shape and sparsely adorned. Silver and gilt buttons, square and round, occasionally show drooping or pendent like a fringe of silver or gilt beads drooping from the center of the button. The pretty bell-shaped button in silver is charming when it is small enough. It hangs with the mouth down like our Liberty bell, and twinkles gently with each movement.

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RECIPES. Family Snow—Take half a cup of butter beaten to a cream, with one cup of powdered sugar, add one teaspoonful of vanilla, two tablespoonfuls of currant jelly or grape juice, one-half cup of boiling water, the white of an egg, well beaten. Whip all together until foamy and serve.

Potato Straws—Pare and cut raw potatoes into slices one-quarter of an inch thick; cut these into narrow strips or straws and soak in cold water half an hour. Fry on a cloth and fry in deep hot fat until crisp and well-colored. Drain on paper and sprinkle with salt. Serve with chives.

Boiled Meat Patties—Beat four eggs thoroughly, add three parts of sweet milk, one teaspoonful chopped nut, one-half teaspoonful salt and three-eighths yellow meal. Turn into a well greased bag and put two and one-half hours in a kettle which should be half full of boiling water when the bag is placed in. Eat with butter and maple syrup.

Lord Byron's Gouze. One of the stories concerning the traditional dish of moss goose on Michaelmas Day refers to Lord Byron, says an English newspaper. The poet always insisted in keeping up old customs in small things, such as having hot cross buns on Good Friday and roast goose on Michaelmas Day. This last fancy had a grotesque result when he was in Italy. After buying a goose, and tearing it might be too late, Byron fed it every day for a month previous to the festival, so that the poet and the bird became so mutually attached that when September 23 arrived, he could not kill it, but bought another and had the pet goose swung in a cage under his carriage when he traveled.

GOOD ROADS. A National Measure Needed. At the recent session of the National Grange, Mr. W. Pierpont White, of Union, N. Y., connected with the good roads movement, spoke as follows upon the subject: 'In the past ten years the nation has expended the sum of \$170,000,000 for river and harbor improvements. What has the nation done in the past ten years to aid the farmer in getting his produce to the shipping centers? Nothing. Is there any reason why the nation should not aid the farmer in cheapening road transportation to the consumer? No...'

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