# MARY MARIE By Eleanor H. Porter Illustrations by R. H. Livingstone

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#### SYNOPSIS

PREFACE.-'Mary Marie'' explains her apparent "double personality" and just why she is a "oross-current and a contra-diction," she also tells her reasons for writing the diary-later to be a novel. The diary is commenced at Andersonville.

diary is commenced at Andersonville. CHAPTER L-Mary begins with Nurse Sarah's account of her (Mary's) birth, which seemingly interested her father, who is a famous astronomer, less than a new star which was discovered the same night. Her name is a compromise, her mother wanted to call her Viola and her father insisting on Abigail Jane. The child quickly learned that her home was in some way different from those of her small friends, and was puzzled thereat. Nurse Sarah tells her of her mother's ar-rival at Andersonville as a bride and how astonished they all were at the sight of the dainty eighteen-year old girl whom he sedate professor had chosen for a wife.

#### Chapter Two Continued.

"'Me? Want me?-Mother Anderson?' she cried. 'Oh, I'm so glad !' Then she made it worse by runnin' up the stairs an' bouncin' into the room like a rubber ball, an' cryin': 'Now, what shall I do, read to you, or sing to you, or shall we play games? I'd love to do any of them !' Just like that, she said it. I heard her. Then I went out, of course, an' left them. But I heard 'most everything that was said, just the same, for I was right in the next room dustin,' and the door wasn't quite shut.

"First your grandmother said real polite-she was always polite-but in a cold little voice that made even me shiver in the other room, that she did not desire to be read to or sung to, and that she did not wish to play games. She had called her daughterin-law in to have a serious talk with her. Then she told her, still very polite, that she was noisy an' childish, an' undignified, an' that it was not only silly, but very wrong for her to expect to have her husband's entire attention; that he had his own work, an' it was a very important one. He was going to be president of the college some day, like his father before him; an' it was her place to help him in every way she could-help him to be popular an' well-liked by all the college people an' students; an' he ouldn't be that if she insisted all the time on keepin' him to herself, or lookin' sour an' cross if she couldn't have him. "Of course that ain't all she said; but I remember this part particular on account of what happened afterward. You see-your ma-she felt awful bad. She cried a little, an' sighed a lot, an' said she'd try, she really would try to help her husband in every way she could; an' she wouldn't ask him another once, not once, to stay with her. An' she wouldn't look sour an' cross, either. She'd promise she wouldn't. An' she'd try, she'd try, oh, so hard, to be proper an' dignified, "She got up then an' went out of the room so quiet an' still you wouldn't know she was movin'. But I heard her up in her room cryin' half an hour later, when I stopped a minute at her door to see if she was there. An' she was. "But she wasn't cryin' by night. Not much she was! She'd washed her face an' dressed herself up as pretty as could be, an' she never so much as looked as if she wanted her husband to stay with her, when he said right after supper that he guessed he'd go out to the observatory. An' 'twas that way right along after that. I know, 'cause I watched. You see, I knew what she'd said she'd do. Well, she did it. "Then, pretty quick after that, she began to get acquainted in the town. Folks called, an' there was partles an' receptions where she met folks, an' they began to come here to the house, 'specially them students, an' two or three of them young, unmarried professors. An' she began to go out a lot with them-skatin' an' sleighridin' an' snowshoein'. "Like it? Of course she liked it! Who wouldn't? Why, child, you never saw such a fuss as they made over your ma in them days. She was all the rage; an' of course she liked it. What woman wouldn't, that was gay an' lively an' young, an' had been so lonesome like your ma had? But some other folks didn't like it. An' your pa was one of them. This time 'twas him that made the trouble. I know, 'cause I heard what he said one day to her in the library. "Yes, I guess I was in the next room that day, too-er-dustin', probably. Anyway, I heard him tell your ma good an' plain what he thought of her gallivantin' 'round from mornin' till night with them young students an' professors, an' havin' them here, too, such a lot, till the house was fairly overrun with them. He said he was shocked an' scandalized, an' didn't she have any regard for his honor an' decency, if she didn't for herself! An' oh, a whole lot more.

"Cry? No, your ma didn't cry this time. I met her in the hall right after they got through talkin', an' she was white as a sheet, an' her eyes was like two blazin' stars. So I know how she must have looked while she was in the library. An' I must say she give it to him good an' plain, straight from the shoulder. She told him she was shocked an' scandalized that he could talk to his wife like that; an' didn't he have any more regard for her honor an' decency than to accuse her of runrin' after any man living-much less a dozen of them! An' then she told him a lot of what his mother had said to her, an' she said she had been merely tryin' to carry out those instructions. She was tryin' to make her husband an' her husband's wife an' her husband's home popular with the



#### "Yes, I Guess I Was in the Next Room That Day, Too-er-Dustin'."

college folks, so she could help him to be president, if he wanted to be. But he answered back, cold an' chilly, that he thanked her, of course, but he didn't care for any more of that kind of assistance; an' if she would give a little more time to her home an' her housekeepin', as she ought to, he would be considerably better pleased. An' she said, very well, she would see that he had no further cause to complain. An' the next minute I met her in the hall, as I just said, her head high and her eyes blazin'.

"An' things did change then, a lot, I'll own. Right away she began to refuse to go out with the students an' young professors, an' she sent down word she wasn't to home when they called. And pretty quick, of course, they stopped comin'.

"Housekeepin'? Attend to that? Well, y-yes, she did try to at first, a little: but of course your grandma had always given the orders-through me, I mean; an' there really wasn't anything your ma could do. An' I told her so, plain. Her ways were new an' different an' queer, an' we liked ours better, anyway. So she didn't bother us much that way very long. Besides, she wasn't feelin' very well, anyway, an' for the next few months she stayed in her room a lot, an' we didn't see much of her. Then by an' by you came, an'-well, I guess that's all-too much, you little chatterbox !"

Father is president of the college now, and I don't know how many stars and comets and things he's discovered since the night the star and I were born together. But I know he's very famous, and that he's written up in the papers and magazines, and is in the big fat red "Who's Who" in the library, and has lots of noted men come to see him.

Nurse says that Grandma Anderson died very soon after I was born, but that it didn't make any particular difference in the housekeeping; for things went right on just as they had done, with her giving the orders as before; that she'd given them all alone anyway, mostly, the last year Grandma Anderson lived, and she knew just how Father liked things. She said Mother tried once or twice to take the reins herself, and once Nurse let her, just to see what would happen. But things got in an awful muddle right away, so that even Father noticed It and said things. After that Mother never tried again, I guess. Anyhow, she's never tried it since I can rememher. She's always stayed most of the time up in her rooms in the east wing, except during meals, or when she went out with me, or went to the things she and Father had to go to together. For they did go to lots of things, Nurse says.

It seems that for a long time they didn't want folks to know there was hand over my mouth. She wouldn't tell me-not a word. And that's the first time I ever saw her give that quick little look over each shoulder. She's done it lots of times since.

As I said, she wouldn't tell me, so I had to ask some one else. I wasn't going to let it go by and not find out -not when Nurse Sarah looked so scared, and when it was something from one school district to another (Seal) my father and mother were going to for school purposes, should make have some day.

I didn't like to ask Mother. Some way, I had a feeling, from the way been transferred but do not need the Estate No. 1875 of William Graves, Nurse Sarah looked, that it was something Mother wasn't going to like. And I thought if maybe she didn't know yet she was going to have it, that certainly I didn't want to be the one to tell her. So I didn't ask Mother what a divorce was.

I didn't even think of asking Father, of course. I never ask Father questions. Nurse says I did ask him once why he didn't love me like other papas loved their little girls. But I was very little then, and I don't remember it at all. But Nurse said Father didn't like it very well, and maybe I did remember that part, without really knowing it. Anyhow, I never think mill towers, stock scales and many of asking Father questions.

I asked the doctor first. I thought tion. Remember the posts are all maybe 'twas some kind of a disease.

#### THE NORTH PLATTE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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Anyone desiring to be transferred . application to this office before the annual meeting. Persons who have

transfer privilege any more should notify this office to that effect. AILEEN G. COCHRAN. County Superintendent

NATIVE RED CEDAR FOR SALE

I will sell at public aution on May 8, lumber, some large gate posts, house logs, water tanks, feeding bunks, wind Seal) other articles too numerous to men-

native cedar. Sale to begin at 1 p. Estate No. 1880 of Sarah A. Morton,

J. C. Hollman, Attorney. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ceased, in the County Court of Lin. the contract. coln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss.: Credit tate is August 23, 1922, and for settlement of said Estate is April 18th, 1923; that I will sit at the County Court room in said County on May 23, 1922, at 10 o'clock A. M., and on filed.

Dated April 18th, 1922. WM. H. C. WOODHURST, (Seal) County Judge.

> Wm. E. Shuman, Attorney. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. In the Matter of the (Sea1)# Estate of Frederick Werneke, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to any and all persons having claims and demands against the estate of the said

barred. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have nually to pay the interest and prin-signed this notice and affixed the cipal of said bonds as they mature." seal of said Court this 24th day of April 1922.

T. S. BLANKENBURG. Acting County Judge.

### Hoagland & Carr, Attorneys. NOTICE TO CREDITORS

deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, ss.: Credit-

that the time limited for presentation the Fourth Ward at the North Platte and filing of claims against said Hetate is August 19, 1922, and for settlement of said Estate is April 14, 1923; that I will sit at the county court 1922 the material in the old North at 10 o'clock a. m., and on August Platte Stock Yards, consisting of board 19, 1922 at 10 o'clock a. m., to rewire, some woven wire, a lot of loose all claims and objections duly filed. Dated April 14, 1922. WM. H. C. WOODHURST.

County Judge J. C. Hollman, Attorney.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

coln County Nebraska and any other bridges at any other location in the county that the county board my see Estate No. 1879 of Bridget Jones, de. fit to order built during hte life of

All bidders are refuired to bid on the plans and specifications and bidors of said estate will take notice ding blanks prepared by the Secretary that the time limited for presentation of the State Board of Irrigation and and filing of claims against said Es. all bids shall be made strictly in accordance with all bridge laws of the State of Nebraska, pertaining to such matters.

Bids will be publicy opened and read at the hour of Two O'Clock P. M. on August 23rd, 1922 at 10 o'clock A. M., the 29th day of May, 1922, at the regto receive, examine, hear, allow, or ular meeting place of the County adjust all claims and objections duly Board of Lincoln County in the Court House at North Platte, Nebraska.

Any bidder before entering on the work, pursuant to contract awarded him, shall give bond to the county in the sum of \$2,000.00 conditioned for the faithful execution of the contract. The County Board of Lincoln County, Nebraska, reserve unto themselves the right to reject any or all bids.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the Elec-Frederick Werneke, deceased, that tors of the City of North Platte, Ne the 21st day of August, 1922, has been brasks that the Mayor rad City Corn set and appointed as the day for the cil of the City of North Flatte, Neuras-reception, examination, adjustment ka, hav, provided by ordinance for An Elgin Bracelet Watch for and allowance of lawful claims and the submission to a direct vote of the demands of all persons, against said voters of the City of North Platte, Neestate and that the County Court of braska, the following proposition: An Lincoln County, Nebraska, will at ordinance providing for the submitsolution to want lotes to know there was going to be a divorce. So before folks they tried to be just as usual. But Nurse Sarah said she knew there was going to be one long ago. The first I ever heard of it was Nurse telling Nora, the girl we had in the kitchen then; and the minute I got a chance I asked Nurse what it was—a divorce. My, I can remember now how scared she looked, and how she clapped her My, I can remember now how scared she looked, and how she clapped her Choice lot 10-month-old pure berd by law, or show cause for not so do- paving, repaving or macadamizing the Duroc Jersey boars, sired by Orion ing, and in case any of said claims intersections of streets or avenues or demands shall not be presented on and spaces opposite alleys in the City Critic, by The King by Orion Cherry or demands shall not be presented on of North Platte, Nebraska. And to progust 1922, the same shall be forever vide for levying and collecting by the proper officers of said City a tax an-

> And by virtue of the power in me vested, I hereby call an election on said ordinance so submitted to be held in City of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 16th day of May, 1922. The yoting places of said election shall be as follows: The First Ward at the A. N. Durbin Garage at the intersection of Fifth and Dewey Streets; the Second Ward in the District Court Room at the County Court House; the Third Ward at the Fire Station at the interors of said estate will take notice section of Front and Vine Streets; Buick Garage at the intersection of Flighth and Locust Streets. The polls to be opened at eight o'clock in the morning and to remain open until eight o'clock in the evening of said day of election.

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Those voting in favor of said orfences, 6 to 7 feet high, some barbed ceive, ex.mine, hear, allow, or adjust dinance shall mark their ballot with an "X" before the paragraph begining with the word "FOR" issuing Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) of the Paving Bonds of the City of North Platte, Nebraska' in denomination of One Thousand and No 100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars, each bearing interest at the rate of Six (6) per cent per annum, navable sem deceased, in the County Court of principal at the office of the County Treasurer of Lincoln County, State of Nebraska. Said bonds to bear date ors of said estate will take notice that of June 1st. 1922, and the interest on the time limited for presentation and said bonds to be payable on the 1st filing of claims against said Estate is day of December 1922 and the 1st. August 23rd, 1922, and for settlement day of June 1923 and on the 1st. day of June of each and every year cities of 7,000 or more register at the that I will sit at the County Court thereafter until all interest on said in said County on May 23, 1922, at 10 Bonds shall have been paid. Said o'clock A. M., and on August 23, 1922 Bonds to be numbered consecutively from one to fifty, inclusive and the prevent-a divorce. If I did have, to register at the polling places and amine, hear, allow, or adjust all interest thereon to be evidenced by coupons thereto attached. Said bonds to be drawn payable to bearer twenty (20) years after date but redeemable at the option of the City at any time after five (5) years from the date thereof, and shall the City of North Platte, Lincoln County Nebraska, levy a tax in the year 1922 and each and Notice is hereby given that sealed every year thereafter sufficient to pay during all of the month of May at the bids will be received at and County, year 1922 and each and every year bids will be received at the office of the interest on said Bonds and in the "I'm afraid not," he sighed. "As office of the City Clerk. It only re- Nebraska, the city of North Platte, thereafter, sufficient to create a sinkfor it's being a disease—there are quires two or three minutes and we Nebraska, up to the h ur of Twelve ing fund to pay the principal of said people that call it a disease, and there ask all voters to register who did O'Clock noon of 29th day of May 1922. Bonds as they become due, until suffor the construction and erection of ficient tax has been levied to pay all the Superstructure, the substructure of the interest and principal of said Thomas F. Healey and A. W. Shilling, and approaches of all the bridges, and Bonds and such tax to be both for Commissioners of Registration. for furnishing the materials in cou- principal and interest and to be levied nection with same, to be built in Lin- upon all of the taxable property in coin County for the period of one said City of North Platte, Lincoln These voting against said ordinance bridges; and at a specified sum per shall mark their ballot with an "X" lineal foot for the superstructure of before the paragraph begining with to have folks talk to me like that! IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND all such approaches and at a specified the word "AGAINST" issuing Fifty sum per lineal foot for all piling used Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars of the in the substructure of all bridges 'Paving Bonds of the City of North n the Matter of the Estate of R. L. and approaches; and at a specified Platte, Nebraska', in denominations Holdridge, Deceased. Estate No. sum per foot (Board measure) for all of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars caps, sway braces and other wood each bearing interest at the rate of In the event the substructure of payable at the office of the County of December and on the 1st day of In the event the substructure of June of each and every year thereor in part of iron, steel or other shall have been paid. Said Bonds to be steel or other metal shall be let at on to be evidenced by coupons thereto a specified sum per lineal foot for attached. Said Bonds to be drawn after date but redeemable at the op-All bids must be accompanied by tion of the City at any time after five

CHAPTER III

#### The Break is Made.

And that's the way Nurse Sarah finished her story, only she shrugged her shoulders again, and looked back, first one way, then another. As for her calling me "chatterbox"-she always calls me that when she's been doing all the talking.

As near as I can remember, I have told Nurse Sarah's story exactly as she told it to me, in her own words. But of course I know I didn't get it right all the time, and I know I've left out quite a lot. But, anyway, it's told a whole lot more than I could have told why they got married in the first place, and it brings my story right up to the point where I was born; and I've already told about naming me, and what a time they had over that.

Of course what's happened since, up to now, I don't know all about, for I was only a child for the first few years. Now I'm almost a young lady, "standing with reluctant feet where the brook and river meet." (I read that last night. I think it's perfectly beautiful. So kind of sad and sweet. It makes me want to cry every time I think of it.) But even if I don't know all of what's happened since I was born, I know a good deal, for I've seen quite a lot, and I've made Nurse tell me a lot more.

I know that ever since I can remember I've had to keep as still as a mouse the minute Father comes into the house; and I know that I never could imagine the kind of a mother that Nurse tells about, if it wasn't that sometimes when Father has gone off on a trip, Mother and I have romped all over the house, and had the most beautiful time. I know that Father says that Mother is always trying to make me a "Marie," and nothing else; and that Mother says she knows Father'll never be happy until he's made me into a stupid little "Mary," with never an atom of life of my own. And, do you know? It does seem sometimes, as if Mary and Marie were fighting inside of me, and I wonder which is going to beat. Funny, isn't 127

and if he knew it was coming, he could give them some sort of a medicine to keep it away-like being vaccinated so's not to have smallpox. you know. And I told him so, He gave a funny little laugh, that

somehow didn't sound like a laugh at all. Then he grew very, very sober, and said:

"I'm sorry, little girl, but I'm afraid I haven't got any medicine that will there'd be no eating or drinking or most of those voting registered. There claims and objections duly filed. sleeping for me, I'm thinking-I'd be so busy answering my calls."

"Then it is a disease !" I cried. And I can remember just how frightened I felt. "But isn't there any doctor anywhere that can stop it?" He shook his head and gave that

queer little laugh again.

are others who call it a cure; and not at the last election. there are still others who say it's a remedy worse than the disease it tries to cure. But, there, you baby! What am I saying? Come, come, my dear, just forget it. It's nothing you should bother your little head over now. Wait till you're older."

Till I'm older, indeed! How I hate And they do-they do it all the time. As if I was a child now, when I'm almost standing there where the brook and river meet!

But that was just the kind of talk got, everywhere, nearly every time I asked any one what a divorce was. hereby notified that a petition has Some laughed, and some sighed. Some it, and one got mad. (That was the dressmaker. I found out afterward

probably she thought I asked the quesprobably she thought I asked the ques-tion on purpose to plague her.) But had an apparant interest in the East In swer me sensibly, so I'd know what it Township Thirteen (13), Range Thirmeant; and 'most everybody said, "Run away, child," or "You shouldn't talk of such things," or, "Walt, my dear, till you're older"; and all that. Oh, how I hate such talk when I really want to know something! How to convey said land to the Said Rdo they expect us to get our education if they won't answer our questions? I don't know which made me angrist-I mean angrier. (I'm speaking of two things, so I must, I suppose. I hate grammar!) To have them talk like that-not answer me, you know -or have them do as Mr. Jones, the storekeeper, did, and the men there

TO BE CONTINUED.

with him.

J. V. Romigh sells Dodge Brothers cars and trucks exclusively, and supplies good service to their owners.

m. sharp

JOHN BURKE, Owner. REGISTRATION NOTICE TO VOTERS

office of the City Clerk. At the last

was, however, less than half of the legal voters of the city who voted at (Seal) the city election, all of whom will want to vote at the primaries in July.

In order to accomodate them the city will be prepared to register voters

O. E. Elder, City Clerk.

Sears, Horan & Sheppard, Attorneys.

NOTICE

FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

ship Thirteen (13), Range Thirtyfour (34), situated in Lincoln County, of an agreement by one J. E. Rodgers. Holdridge, decesased.

of the said R. L. Holdridge may be had and a determination of the heirs of said deceased, and degree of kinship property belonging to said deceased. and you are hereby notified that the Court has fixed the bearing on said petition at the office of the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

Lincoln County, Nebraska. The State of Nebraska, ss.; Credit-

The law requires that all voters in of said Estate is April 18th, 1923; city election an opportunity was given at 10 o'clock A. M., to receive, ex-Dated April 18th, 1922.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST. County Judge. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

year, at a special sum per lineal foot County, Nebraska.

for the superstructure of all such

All persons interested in said cs- materials used in the substructure of Six (6%) per cent per annum payable ate, both creditors and heirs, are such bridges or approaches is built semi-annually, interest and principal been filed in the County Court of Lin such bridges or pproaches is built Treasurer of Lincoln County, State looked real worried 'cause I'd asked coin County, Nebraska, alleging that wholly or in part of stone, brick ce- of Nebraska. Said Bonds to bear date said deceased died on or about the ment or concrete, the contract for of June 1st. 1922 and the interest on 3rd day of August, 1906, a resident the portion of said substructure to se said Bonds to be payable on the 1st of the County of Kankakee, in the built of said material shall be let at day of December 1922 and the 1st that she'd had a divorce already, so tSate of Illinois; that the said R. L. a specified sum per cubic foot in day of June 1923 and on theist day

nobody would answer me-really an- Half (E1/2) of Section One (1:, such bridges or approaches is wholly after, until all interest on said bonds ty-four (34), and the West Half (W12) metal, the contract for the portion of numbered consecutively from one to of Section Twenty-three (23), Town- said substructure to be built of iron fifty inclusive and the interest there-Nebraska; that the interest consisted tubing, and at a specified sum per payable to bearer twenty (20) years pound or all other metal in place.

certified check in the amount of (5) years from the date thereof, and You are hereby further notified \$560 made payable to the County shall the City of North Platte, Linthat the petition prays the Court for Clerk of Lincoln, to be forfeited to coln County, Nebraska, levy a tax in an Order fixing a time and place at the County in case the bidder refuses the year 1922 and each and every year which a determination of the death to enter into contract with the Counity, if same is awarded to him.

In general character the work con- and each and every year thereafter sists of any kind covered by the Ne- sufficient to create a sinking fund to and their right of descent to the real brasks Standard Bridge Plans, copies the County Clerk.

required to be built in the county and such tax to be both principal and intheir proposed location as near as can terest and to be levied upon all of the 10:00 o'clock A. M. on the 16th day of be estimated and determined is as fol- taxable property in the City of North lows:

On section line between Sections 8 and 17, Township 12, Range 27 Lin-

thereafter sufficient to pay the interest of said Bonds and in the year 1922

pay the principal of said Bonds as of which are on file in the office of they become due, until sufficient tax has been levied to pay all of the in-The number and kind of bridges terest and principal of said Bonds and

Platte, Lincoln County, Nebrasha Dated this 10th day of April, 1922. O. E. ELDER, City Clerk.

May, 1922. (Seal)