

THE MYSTERY GIRL

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(Continued from Yesterday.)

John Waring, gentleman and scholar, has just won the hotly contested election to the presidency of Corinth college, a venerable New England seat of learning. Before his inauguration, he plans to marry Emily Bates, a charming and cultured widow. With his life's ambition achieved and a rosy future assured, there is an instant's hesitation before he answers in the affirmative her question, "Are you entirely happy?"

Into this quiet college town comes "Miss Mystery." Through her uncanny ability to compel others to do her bidding, she succeeds in establishing herself at Corinth's most exclusive boarding house, kept by Mrs. Adams and her husband "Old Salt."

Further than giving her name as Anita Austin, the "Mystery Girl" refuses to divulge any information regarding herself or her business in Corinth.

This piques the curiosity of the other boarders.

Gordon Lockwood, secretary of John Waring, had a room at the Adams house. But as he took no meals there save his breakfasts, and as he ate those early, he had not yet met Anita Austin.

But one Saturday morning he chanced to be late, and the two sat at table together.

An astute reader of humanity, Lockwood at once became interested in the girl, and realized that to win her attention he must not be eager or incontinent.

He spoke only one or two of the merest commonplaces, until almost at the close of the meal he said:

"Can I do anything for you, Miss Austin? If you would come to hear any of the college lectures I can arrange it."

"Who are the speakers?"

"She turned her eyes fully upon him, and Gordon Lockwood marveled at their depth and beauty."

"Tonight," he replied. "Dr. Waring is to lecture on Egyptian archeology. Are you interested in that?"

"Yes," she said, "very much so. I'd like to go."

"You certainly may, then. Just use this card."

He took a card from his pocket, scribbled a line across it, and gave it to her. Without another word he finished his breakfast, and with a mere courteous bow he left the room.

Miss Austin's face took on a more inscrutable look than ever.

The card still in her hand, she went up her room. Unheeding the maid, who was at her duties there, she threw herself into a big chair and stared at the card.

"The Egyptian Temples," she said to herself. "Doctor John Waring."

The maid looked at her curiously as she passed.

she murmured the words half aloud, but Miss Austin paid no heed.

"Go on with your work, Nora, don't mind me," she said at last, as the boarder's pause. "Inquiringly in front of her, she said: 'I don't mind your being here until you finish what you have to do. And I wish you'd bring me a Corinth paper, please. There is one away.'

"Oh, yes, ma'am. Twice a week."

Nora disappeared and returned with a paper.

"Miss Adams says you may have this to keep. It's the newest one."

The girl took it and turned to find the college announcements. The Egyptian lecture was mentioned, and in connection with it was an article regarding Dr. Waring and a picture of him.

Long the girl looked at the picture, and when she laid it aside, she contemplated it with an intense interest. Miss Austin still staring at the face of the president-elect of the University of Corinth.

Thirteen Buttons.

After a time Miss Austin reached for a pair of scissors and cut out the portrait and the article which it illustrated.

She put the clipping in a portfolio, which she then locked in her trunk, and the picture she placed on her dresser.

That night she went to the lecture. She went alone, for Gordon Lockwood did not appear and no one else knew of her going.

"Shall I have a key, or will you be in?" she asked of Mrs. Adams, as she left the house.

"Well, he's up here," she said, and she showed eyes looked at the kind of study, or, at least, set not at all and apparently in deep thought.

Gordon Lockwood, already there, saw her come in, and after she was in he looked quickly across and apparently in deep thought.

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sub followed, quickly suppressed, but he could have no doubt the girl was crying.

For a moment Lockwood was tempted to go back and ask Mrs. Adams to come and tap at the girl's door.

Then he realized that it was not his affair. If the girl was in sorrow or if she wanted to cry for any reason, it was not his place to send some one to intrude upon her. He went to his own room, but he sat up for a long time thinking over the strange young woman in the house.

He remembered that she had paid undeviating attention to the lecture, quite evidently following the speaker with attention and interest. He remembered every detail of her appearance, her pretty dark hair showing beneath her little velvet toque—the absurd buttons on the back of her frock.

"That will do, Gordon, old man," he told himself at last. "Better let her alone. She's a siren all right, but you know nothing about her, and you're no reason to try to learn more. And then he heard a knock in the hall. Low of tone, but angry of inflection.

"She threw it away!" Miss Austin was saying. "I tell you she threw it away!"

"There, there," came Mrs. Adams' placating voice, "what if she did? It was only a newspaper scrap. She didn't know it was of any value."

"But I want it. Nora has no business to throw away my things! She had no reason to touch it! It was on the dresser—standing up against the mirror frame. What do you suppose she did with it?"

"Never mind it tonight. Tomorrow we will ask her. She's gone to bed."

"But I'm afraid she destroyed it!"

"Probably she did. Don't take on so. What else can you expect?"

"The Corinth Gazette."

"The new one?"

"I don't know. The one she brought me last afternoon."

"Well, if she has thrown it away, you can get another copy. What was it that you wanted so much?"

"Oh—nothing special."

"Yes, it was Mrs. Adams' curiosity was aroused now. "Come, tell me what it was."

"Well, it was only a picture of Dr. Waring, the man who lectured to-night."

"Such a fuss about that! My goodness! Why, you can get a picture of him anywhere."

"But I want it now."

An obstinate note rang in the young voice. Perhaps Miss Austin spoke louder than she meant to, but at any rate, Lockwood heard most of the conversation, and he now opened his door, and said:

"May I offer a photograph? Would you care to have this, Miss Austin?"

"How dare you," she cried; "how dare you eavesdrop, and listen to a conversation not meant for your ears? Don't speak to me!"

She drew up her slender figure and looked like a wrathful pixie defying a giant. For Lockwood was a big man, and loomed far above the slight, dainty figure of Miss Mystery.

He smiled good naturedly as he said: "Now don't get wrathful. I don't mean any harm. But you wanted a picture of Dr. Waring and I've several of them. You see, I'm his secretary."

"Oh—are you?" His private secretary?

"Yes—his confidential one—though he has few confidantes. He's a public man and his life is an open book."

"Oh, is it?" The girl had recovered her poise, and with it her ability to be sarcastic. "Known to all men, I suppose?"

"Known to all men," repeated Lockwood, thinking far more of the girl he was speaking to than of what he was saying.

For, again, he had fallen under the spell of her strange personality. He watched her, fascinated, as she reached out for the picture and almost snatched it in her eagerness.

Mrs. Adams yawned behind her plump hand.

"Now you've got your picture, go to bed, child," she said with a kind, motherly smile. "I'll come in and unhook you, shall I?"

Obediently, and without a word of good night to Lockwood, Anita turned and went into her room, followed by Mrs. Adams. The good lady offered no disinterested service. She wanted to know why Miss Austin wanted that picture so much. She didn't find out. After being of such help as she could, the landlady found herself pleasantly but definitely, dismissed. Outside the door, however, she turned and reopened it. Miss Mystery was gone. The picture was gone, covering the photograph with many and passionate kisses.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

How to Keep Well

By R. W. A. EVANS

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PNEUMONIA DANGERS.

The Chicago health department issues the following instructions to those who would avoid pneumonia: Be regular in your habits of living, as to diet and proper rest. Avoid undue and prolonged exposure to wet and cold. Get as much exercise in the open air as you can. Dress so that you will feel comfortable in the house and equally as comfortable when out of doors in a lower temperature. Keep your living rooms at a temperature not exceeding 70 degrees. For people in normal health and properly clad 68 degrees is better. Keep your feet dry and warm. Do not cough or sneeze in any one's face or allow others to cough or sneeze in your immediate presence. Remember that pneumonia is highly contagious and that there are persons who are carriers and that when they sneeze or cough openly in the air close to you you are in danger of becoming infected.

In a box at the top of their bulletin is found a word of advice signed by Commissioner Bundesen, from which the following is quoted: "It is recommended in the treatment of pneumonia that antigen be used at once in all cases and before giving any other treatment. At the same time a specimen of the sputum should be sent in for examination. The antigen is administered by hypodermic."

Experience has shown that these antigens have a decided prophylactic value and their use for this purpose is recommended. At the end of the bulletin of advice this paragraph appears: "The important thing in ventilation is to let the good air in and the bad air out."

The bulletin furthermore says that in 1921 8,378 cases of pneumonia and 2,164 deaths from pneumonia were reported in Chicago.

In the first 10 months of 1922 the number of cases reported was 8,145 and the number of deaths was 2,085. This indicates that the pneumonia situation in Chicago in 1922 is worse than it was in 1921. The report of the census office shows that over America generally the winter increase of sickness jumped up in October much more rapidly than it did in the same month in 1921.

If we are to lessen pneumonia this winter, or even to hold our own, each person must do his duty by himself and by his fellow man.

Use of mica in the manufacture of roofing in that state.

REPLY.

"I think it will. Kober says that commercial mica contains silicates, and alkalis and is a frequent cause of inflammatory conditions of the eyes and air passages.

Reasoning by analogy, mica workers have a high tuberculosis rate."

"I do not know as to the New Jersey law.

Don't Use Pacifier.

Mrs. G. R. writes: "What is the objection if any, to giving an infant a pacifier?"

REPLY.

These are the objections: 1. It carries bacteria and filth into the mouth.

2. The sucking habit is a bad one. A sucking period once every four hours is all right. But continuous all day sucking is all wrong.

3. It causes an unnatural flow of saliva and displaces the growing gums, lips and roof of the mouth.

Common Sense.

"Give and Take" The Secret of a Happy Home.

Men who have made a study of the subject say that there are more family quarrels in winter than there are in summer.

This is stated, is due to the fact that members of a family are more closely associated in winter; children are more disturbing in their play, and husbands and wives disagree as to their social amusements.

There is not enough of the olden time fireside reading; there is not enough effort on the part of parents to afford amusement to their children.

Too much individualism among parents and the way they take their diversions account for more trouble.

Wives complain if husbands object to going to a dance and vice versa.

Husbands grumble because wives are at the club and they are alone so much, and vice versa.

There are homes where the man is visibly "bored" when he has to be home.

The great thing is "give and take" in married life—learn this early.

"The man of the house should try to be at least a little interested in his wife's likes and dislikes and she should return the compliment."

Both should be more interested in their home life.

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Turn to the "Christmas Gift Suggestions" column in the "Want Ad" section of The Omaha Bee.

DRESS SALE

Thursday at Julius Orkin 1512 Douglas Street See Advertisement on Page 6.

Uncle Sam Says:

Back-Yard Poultry Keeping.

In every household, no matter how economical the housewife, there is a certain amount of table scraps and kitchen waste which has feeding value but which if not fed, finds its way into the garbage pail.

Poultry is the only class of domestic animals which are suitable for converting this waste material into wholesome and nutritious food in the form of eggs and poultry meat.

The Federal Bureau of Animal Industry advocates a small backyard flock to utilize this waste and have points out the advantages of a backyard flock of poultry and gives instructions for caring for them.

Readers of The Omaha Bee may obtain a copy of this booklet free as long as the free edition lasts by writing to the Division of Publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., asking for "P. B. 889."

Parents' Problems

Should children be allowed to read magazines primarily intended for grown-ups?

I see no harm in children reading magazines intended for grown-ups provided the magazines are of the better sort—clean and with high standards. Children tire of a strict adherence to child literature. And if they take an interest in grown-ups' magazines, the chances are they will gain something from reading such parts of them as come within their grasp.

He Has Ozena.

Ash writes: "I have had a disease of which I do not know the name, for the last four or five years. I have a terrible breath and large greenish scabs come from my nose once or twice a day. I am in constant fear that I will develop tuberculosis from this disease. I am worse in winter than in summer. Kindly tell me what I have and if I can be cured and how."

REPLY.

My guess is that you have ozena. Ozena is not related to tuberculosis. Some cases of ozena are cured by a nose specialist. Keeping the surface of the nose membranes saturated with sugar is one treatment. Injecting paraffin, another.

Can Afford to Lose Kidney.

Mrs. A. L. K. writes: "I had a kidney taken out a few years ago and was told I could not have children. I am now to become a mother. Kindly advise if it is so serious, as I am terribly upset."

REPLY.

Fortunately, we come into this world endowed with a great capacity of kidney. It has been estimated that we have 24 times as much as we need. Since you have lost half of yours, you still have 12 times as much as you need, assuming the remaining kidney is sound.

Better Stay at Home.

J. P. R. writes: "What is the best climate for consumption in the first stages?"

REPLY.

As a rule the best climate for a per-

Liver and Bowels Right—Always Feel Fine

There's one right way to speedily tone up the liver and keep the bowels regular.

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36 Hens Lay 34 Eggs a Day

Zero Weather, Too. Here's How It Is Done. Try It on Your Flock.

"Early in November, I started giving Don Sung to 36 hens which have been laying only 3 or 4 eggs a day. The first month showed a big gain. Yesterday, Jan. 10th, with the temperature five degrees above zero, I got 34 eggs from these same 36 hens. In the first 20 days of January, I got 896 eggs—an average of about 30 a day. I wouldn't think of keeping chickens without Don Sung—3¢ per egg, 10¢ per dozen."

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RESINOL The box is blue Opal jar inside

Be sure to get real Resinol

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Julius Orkin 1512 Douglas Street AN EXTRAORDINARY DRESS SALE See Advertisement on Page 6.

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A Carload of Lump in the Yard Today Fresh From the Mine Get Yours Off the Car Phone Atlantic 2700 **Sunderland Brothers Co.**

Only 5 Days More Big Christmas Sale **Puritan Malt Hop Flavored Sugar Syrup** The time is getting short. Look at your calendar. All the dealers in this city are making special Christmas prices on this famous malt and extra special prices by the case. Go to your nearest dealer. Buy your supply now. Do it to-day.

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Daily Prayer He shall... save them, because they trust in Him... Our Father, as Thy children we, in this new day, hope for Thy presence and listen for Thy voice. That we may be sensitive to Thy touch and alert to Thy word, make us eager to know Thy will and resolve to do it. To know Thee in close intimacy is our need and our prayer. In Thee is food for all our hungers; light for all our gloom; tasks for all our energies; love—warm, throbbing, sacrificing, to purge away our selfishness; This is our faith—make it our living experience. Look in pity upon all the sons of men. Bring strife to an end. Establish righteousness in the affairs of men.

Enjoy a Chapless Winter! **Dame Nature Skin Improver Cream** Common Sense. "Give and Take" The Secret of a Happy Home. Men who have made a study of the subject say that there are more family quarrels in winter than there are in summer. This is stated, is due to the fact that members of a family are more closely associated in winter; children are more disturbing in their play, and husbands and wives disagree as to their social amusements.

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