

A Christmas Doll Wedding

We are to have a wedding. Our mothers planned it all. You are to be my little wife And I your husband tall.

I love your pretty eyes of brown— My own are dark and blue— But as they're only glass, my dear, They'll see no faults in you.

My china lips, they long to kiss All your dull cares away. But I must wait for three long weeks Until our wedding day.

However, time will pass, sweet maid, And then we'll never part. I swear to love you all my life With my true wooden heart. Your own

REGINALD.

Dec. 3, 1910.

Such was the love letter written by Reginald Graham of New York, a beautiful doll twenty inches tall, light hair, blue eyes, with long dark lashes, to his ladylove, Miss Alice Winchester, a brown eyed doll beauty of Boston.

The fact is that a marriage had been arranged between these two dollies by their little mammas and several grown-up aunts, to take place at Christmas time at the home of the doll bride.

But making the clothes! Grandmas, cousins and aunts spent days using their nimble fingers to fashion the tiny manly garments, as no little girl could possibly do the difficult sewing.

It was decided that a black broad-cloth suit must be made, but as a full dress evening coat could be used only for formal occasions a tuxedo or dinner coat was finally agreed upon as being of more service.

All the time we have been telling about the bridegroom dear little Alice has been so busy having a long white satin wedding dress made, a real lace veil and the daintiest kind of lace trimmed underwear.

A traveling gown of cloth, an automobile coat of champagne color, a white hat with feathers and flowers, all have been prepared for the "going away" costume.

A procession of twenty little girls with their dollies follows Reginald and Alice, who march into the drawing room to the music of a wedding march played on the piano; then into the dining room, where the dollies sit at a table that has been arranged for

them, with a tiny wedding cake decorating the center.

Then comes the wedding tour around the garden, and then the newly married pair go to housekeeping in a big closet that has been furnished for them with all the latest conveniences.

It was really the most brilliant marriage that was ever made in Toyland and is the true story of a dear little brown eyed girl's Christmas present.

A great many dollie guests were invited from "Mother Goose" Land, and among those most noticed were:

Jack De Nimble, Jack Be Quick, He was the first one there; Then came little Goldie Locks, Who ran away from the bear.

Bright Miss Nancy Etticoat, Used to standing long, Shone beside Tom Tucker, Who sang the supper song.

Mistress Mary, Quite Contrary, Brought from her garden fair Several maidens all in a row, With pretty curling hair.

Bobby Shafto, from o'er the sea, Was in a happy mood; I saw him gazing bashfully At dear Red Riding Hood.

Little Miss Muffet had left her tuffet And surprised us all, oh, my! By going to a corner with little Jack Horner And sharing his Christmas pie.

Shy Sheep without her sheep Many sweet glances won, And there without his little pig Was Tom, the Piper's Son.

Marjorie Daw and big Tom Stout Attracted much attention And many more whose names, alas, I haven't room to mention.

It was a wedding so very grand, All in the month of December, With the very Four Hundred of Toyland there, As funny will long remember. —Julian Jerome.

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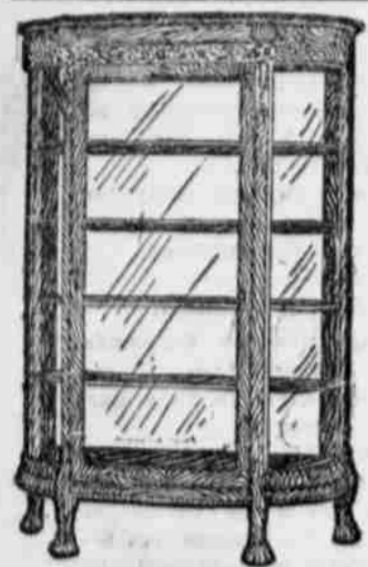


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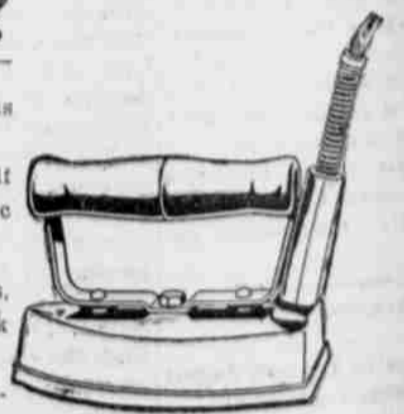
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