LITTLE GIRL IS MOTHER TO MANY

Mary Schmidt, the "Little Mother," and Some of Her Brood.

Little Mary Schmidt, aged 11 years, of 853 Marshall street, is the luckiest girl that ever happened. Most children would envy her.

She can play "keep-house" all the time from early—very early—morn till late at night with no one to stop her. She has a real play-house with six rooms, just like those the grown-ups have, and she cleans them with a real broom, and she has real, live, meat dolls to play with, almost as big as herself, and they talk and laugh and cry without pressing a little board in their backs. They don't break very easily. Mary has only eight of these dolls, though, to be sure, there were two more; two others are so much bigger than she that she doesn't play with them.

Mary's father keeps a hotel and restaurant near the fair grounds which demand his constant presence, and his elder son and daughter have to be there as well. The mother was at home to care for the little children, but she was taken ill and is in the hospital. Then there was a question what to do with the little ones, and Mary took up the task of playing mother to them.

"It just like playing house," she said cheerfully as she stood over a tub of water where she had been washing clothes just like a grown-up body. And she actually laughed and her blue eyes shone so brightly that one wondered if she were trying the Tom Sawyer fence-painting dodge to get one to envy her the pleasure of the work to the point of paying her to share it. It was enough to make one wonder why as a child one had not cried to be allowed to do the family washing.

Mary has a system and follows it so closely that when you ask her what work she does she can begin at the start and tell everything in order. First she gets up and dresses the children and that is not a small matter either when it is remembered that the babes' ages range from 8 years to 6 months. Then she gets their breakfast. But that, she says, isn't really hard work, as one or two of the children go to the restaurant and fetch something. She does not have to cook the meal, so she feels that she is doing nothing toward it in spite of the fact that she was to set the table, help the little ones, and finally clear up and wash the dishes. And she likes to wash dishes! And the pots and kettles.

Then she makes the beds, four of them—and you can count them—and one crib, and sweeps all the rooms. There are five, and each one is cleaned every day. Twice a week she scrubs all these rooms. Then she takes the babies out for a walk. And, mind you, it is still morning after all that.

Then she gives her charges dinner, brought from the restaurant by two of the children.

This family has been in America only about two years, and yet the children speak very good English. Still, they confuse their prepositions occasionally in a quaint fashion.

"All of us were born at Germany," she said, "except this little one and the little one from one year and a half. We talk German at home all the time, but the little girls at school that we play by, they talk English, and so I learn it. Sure, I like to keep house this way. The children are very good. I have no trouble to keep them quiet."

And as if in illustration of her remark the baby she was watching as she scrubbed awoke, quietly opened its big eyes and stared at the intruder without making a sound.

And the intruder stroked its white hair and pinched its fat arms, but failed to elicit a response further than a good-natured smile.

"She is very dirty now," said the little play mother; "I must change her dress."

"How often do you do that?"

"Three times a day with the little ones."

"Do you mend for them, too?"

"No, we buy new ones till mother comes back, and then she will fix them."

The children were called up to be inspected, and each came without a moment's hesitation. They didn't seem to consider the possibility of not minding her, even though they did not desire the scrutiny. All hung their heads bashfully, but smiled and waited obediently till released, when they went quietly back to play. And they were all clean, even though one was playing in the sand, another picking up rocks from the road and another playing in a new house being built next door.

In that playhouse kept by little Mary Schmidt while her mother is in the hospital everything is clean and orderly.

"I like to do everything the same," said Mary when asked what she liked best. "I like to wash dishes, I like to clean the house and I like to take care by the babies; they are so good. I like anything that is a help to people. But I will be glad that my mother comes back very soon from the hospital. I will work just the same, but it is different when she is here. She is there at the hospital now two or three weeks."

And so this little mother, hardly more than a baby herself, talked on, innocently displaying her virtues and eagerly disclaiming them and letting them pass as matters of no importance. She has not "put away childish things," but merely transplanted them and is putting her doll knowledge to good use.

But she will be glad that her mother gets back from the hospital very soon.

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MARKET BASKET

There is a new wrinkle in the fruit market. Leading dealers are selling peaches and fancy apples by pound weight. Peaches are high this season and good ones are at a premium. Unlike oranges or lemons, there is no stated number of peaches or apples in a box, and dealers sometimes are forced to pocket a good-sized loss on this account. Peaches go three and four pounds for 25 cents, while fancy Gravenstein apples range around five pounds for 25 cents.

Oranges are of good quality for this time of year and supplies are quite fair. Today they are selling with a very wide range, 25 cents to 50 cents a dozen being the prices.

Bartlett pears are in very heavy demand from the east and the far north and the public will be forced to pay good prices if they want the best fruit this season. In the retail markets today they are selling at 15 cents and 25 cents a dozen, according to size.

Usually at this season the supply of tomatoes is so heavy that prices are down to bedrock, in many cases averaging slightly over express charges, or about 20 cents to 25 cents a box in the retail market. Tomatoes have never been so high as they have been this year. The production has been cut materially by unfavorable weather and the consumption has been greatly added to. Today tomatoes are selling in the retail markets at three or four pounds for 25 cents, according to size and quality.

Green peppers are rather plentiful and prices of late have been tending downward and today the best green peppers are selling at retail around 12½ cents a pound, and there is a very good demand at that figure.

Green corn is not of such good quality this season, although supplies are quite heavy. The best varieties are selling at retail at 15 cents and 20 cents a dozen.

Celery is getting to be of the proper quality and prices are down with the larger receipts. On account of their freshness local stocks sell best, but the Colorado celery is good when first brought in.

Cauliflower is coming in better condition, 10 cents and 15 cents a head is the average price. Cabbage is in good condition, with supplies quite fair and prices ranging around 5 cents and 10 cents a head.

String beans and garden peas are very plentiful, the former sell at 4 cents and 5 cents a pound, while the latter goes at four pounds for 25 cents.

Sweet potatoes are much improved in quality and there are very liberal supplies everywhere. The best are quoted at 5 cents and 6 cents a pound. Cucumbers are in fine shape and there is a heavy demand, with stocks selling at two for 5 cents.

In the fruit market there are quite good supplies, but receipts are not nearly as heavy as in ordinary years. Some very good looking and tasting strawberries are shown in the larger markets at 25 cents a pound. These berries come from just outside the city limits, in Clackamas county. Blackberries are not so good as formerly, but stocks may still be called fair. They are selling at three boxes for 25 cents. Huckleberries—the sort delicious pies are made of—are in larger supply. Prices range around 17½ cents a pound, a trifle high, but the people must have them.

The markets are full of prunes—fresh ones. They are of better quality than usual and selling about 5 cents a pound for the best.

Pineapples from the Hawaiian islands are shown everywhere and they are finding ready sale at 25 cents and 40 cents each.

Bananas are very scarce on account of a demoralization of traffic on the northern railroads and most of the stocks in the market come from Honolulu via San Francisco. Prices range from 40 cents to 50 cents a dozen, according to quality and size.

Ground cherries are coming more and more into public favor. They are in the market but are still high, 20 cents and 25 cents a pound is the average price.

Famous Columbia river chinook salmon is again coming to market freely; the run in the lower river increased greatly the past week. The genuine chinook can now be purchased in the markets at 12½ cents a pound, while the silversides range around 10 cents. Other fish in the market is quoted as follows: Halibut, 12½ cents; silver smelt, 10 cents; perch, 10 cents; flounders, 10 cents; catfish, 12½ cents; crabs, 15 cents; froglegs, 40 cents a dozen; California mackerel, 15 cents a pound; striped bass, 20 cents; rock cod, 12½ cents; sturgeon, 12½ cents; black and ling cod, 12½ cents.

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3 cans Corn, Peas or String Beans..25c
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Two 3-lb pkgs. Gold Dust..25c
One 3-lb. pkg. Armour's Washing Powder..15c
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12 bars Royal Savon Soap..25c
4 bars Baby Elephant Soap..25c
2 bottles Snider's Catsup..25c
Nice dates 10c lb.; 3 lbs..25c
1 lb. White Honey..15c
10-lb. pail pure Lard..$1.00
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WEDDING ENDS ROMANCE OF A CHOCOLATE DROP

Note of Candy-Maker Found by Soldier in Philippines Leads to Marriage.

(Journal Special Service.)

Omaha, Aug. 25.—Three years ago Rufus Denton, a non-commissioned officer in the United States army in the Philippines, bought a box of chocolates and therein found a paper bearing the name of Hattie Wilke, Omaha, Nebraska. Denton and Miss Wilke were married at the home of the bride in Omaha yesterday as a result of that note.

Miss Wilke worked in a candy factory and placed her name in a box of candy she packed and a year ago received a letter from the Philippines signed by Denton, telling her he had found the note. A correspondence followed and a courtship by mail resulted. Denton later returned to the United States and came directly to Omaha to see Miss Wilke. When he left he carried her promise to be his wife.

Denton went to southern California and invested in a fruit farm. There fortune favored him and today he is rich. A few days ago he came to Omaha and arrangements were made for the wedding. The young couple left for Los Angeles, where they will reside.

PHILIPPINE FLAGSHIP AGROUND IN MINDANAO

(Journal Special Service.)

Manila, Aug. 25.—The cruiser Rainbow, flagship of the Philippine squadron, with Admiral Reiter aboard, went ashore this morning at the mouth of the Agusan river, in northern Mindanao. The vessel is resting easily and tugs have been dispatched to her assistance.

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White and Yellow Corn Meal, 10-lb sack..25c
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18 bars Soap..25c
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