

# The Masked Hostess

by BLAIR STEVENSON

CHAPTER XXIII.

Merefolly for Sylvia Swayne and Monty Delaine, Mrs. Pemberton Swayne had not seen her daughter's sudden capitulation to John Barleycorn.

She was busy "checking up," as Monty said she would be. When Stefano saw her who he came in doors again she was talking to Nathalie and Nathalie was answering in brief sentences. What was visible of Nathalie's face below her mask was expressionless.

A harlequin came up to Nathalie and she danced away with him. Mrs. Swayne, seeing Stefano, smiled in his direction and he went over to her.

"You are a genius, Captain Stefano," she said. "Your party is adorable."

In a sense she meant this. As the party was entirely of her creating it was of course adorable. As to his genius, she was prepared to concede that in him, because, coming to the house in the conviction that the masked hostess, who received with him in it, might be some high born South American whom she would acknowledge as his affianced some night after she had laid aside her mask, she had become convinced after talking to Nathalie that Nathalie was not a person of sort and condition.

She was not in on the secret of Stefano's reduced financial state. So since she was not in the secret either of her own daughter's secret engagement to land poor Monty Delaine, she was more than ready to be gracious to Stefano and reinstate him in her mind as a potential son-in-law vastly worth while.

She asked him if he was not going to dance with her.

"Pining to be declared as he put his arm about her. For a woman on the brink of fifty she danced exceptionally well. He acknowledged this to himself as she swayed in his arms to the band's eerie rhythm.

"Y'know," he said, coming to a point that was in his mind direct. He wanted to know where her niece was. "Y'know you're went and gone an' done it, what?—fetchin' me out here like this. What I mean—I know you, dear lady, Mrs. Pemberton Swayne, of course?"

"I might have known you'd know. You always were diabolically clever. Simply a genius. But



And She Had Deceived Mrs. Swayne Completely.

you precious man, how did you know?"

"Nothin' simpler," he answered, and smiled down at her. "Just that you can dance. Precious few can, you know."

"What I mean is bodily co-ordination flawless. Eye, hand and limb all together like one. Member one night I bored you a bit bringing the topic up at dinner. Charming niece of yours was there at the time and I insisted she had it. Said it ran in your blood, as of course it does. Out at Southampton we all were . . ."

"Oh, yes, Nathalie. Poor child," Mrs. Swayne stopped her dancing in the middle of a bar. "I must talk to you about her. Take me somewhere where we can."

"But first," she said as they sat down, "I must compliment you on your extraordinary intelligence. You're an extraordinary man, you are unquestionably." She indicated Nathalie, who passed at the moment in the arms of her harlequin. "For that reason, if for no other."

"You mean—y'know I don't

quite—"

"Oh, yes, you do. She's marvelous. What I'm trying to say and you insist on making it difficult for me, because your blood is Spanish and you're chivalrous."

Mrs. Swayne spoke in French: "What you're trying to prevent my saying is that it would have been unkind of you to have brought a girl of any social stamp in here to help you pique society. And it would have been unkind. If, for instance, you had induced some one who was actually a lady to put her dire need of money above her pride of station and help

you with this delightful Latin jest of yours. But instead of that you were kind. Where did you get her really—through some agency?"

"No, indeed," and Stefano assumed a mysterious look. "She just dropped from the stars. Was it not extraordinary?" He did not resent anything she had said or intimated. He believed, now that he knew she had "put over" the masked party, that she had done it out of unmythical feminine curiosity and was talking to trip him into an identification of his hostess by compelling him to defend her.

He did not know that Nathalie, who had recognized her aunt by her voice, had been trembling with the fright she felt.

And she had deceived Mrs. Swayne completely. Else Mrs. Swayne, in whom pride of family ran high, could never have spoken her next few words, still in French in her voice still low in pitch.

"From the stars, of course—how kind and chivalrous. But nevertheless one knows, you nice

## Greens—An Indispensable Part of the Diet in Cold Weather

EVERY season of the year greens are especially important. There's always a fine reason why one must eat spinach and its species. They're very important in the Spring, when the stored seeds cleaning up and slightly desirable in the Summer when heavy produce and starches are plentiful. But in cold weather, when one has to eat much meat and starch, greens are an indispensable part of the diet.

As far as scoring these foods, seasons don't seem to matter much. Each year we find that fresh vegetables appear in the market earlier and remain longer. Of course the canned varieties are available twelve months in the year. Canned spinach and canned sweet corn and canned brussels sprouts are no doubt a novelty. Even peas, which are now sold canned at reasonable prices. One gets them in excellent quality, and if fresh greens aren't available then the canned ones should certainly not be an agreeable substitute.

For cooked greens a considerable variety of dishes can be prepared from fresh cabbage, celery, peppers, tomato, kale, onions which

## The Home Kitchen

By ALICE LYNN BARRY

The commonest head of cabbage, the plain white, is best if not too large—two or three pounds is a desirable size for the average family. But more delicate, though smaller, is the Savoy cabbage, with its crinkly green leaves. It needs only fifteen to twenty minutes of cooking, then a dressing of butter sauce and possibly a dash of vinegar. It is as delicious in flavor as asparagus or broccoli.

The Chinese cabbage, sometimes called celery cabbage or pe-tai, is somewhat the shape of romaine, although it is larger, the head is more compact and white rather than green. It is one of those vegetables that one sees on vegetable stands for years, but neglects because of unavailability. But it is a delightful variety of cabbage, and the inside leaves are so delicate that they can be chopped and eaten raw. Just like celery.

Red cabbage is traditionally bound up with a sweet and sour sauce and is usually cooked with some sliced onion, some molasses and a sour apple. When tender a tablespoon of brown sugar and three tablespoons of vinegar are added. It is slow and simple, and cooked for a few minutes—just long enough to distribute the flavorings.

Each head of cabbage is made up of many leaves. The outer leaves are the most dependable and least expensive of all the greens. Kale, in fact, is even improved by a touch of frost, usually so desirable to most vegetables. Kale needs slow cooking (about thirty to fifty minutes) as it is rather a coarse, textured plant. Only the leaves are used—the midrib of each leaf is removed, also the root at each end. After plunging the cabbage into boiling water for five minutes, drain and place in boiling water, cooking slowly until tender. After that it may be seasoned in any way preferred. Some like it plain, with hot butter, salt and pepper dressing. Or a dressing of chopped fried onions or chives may be used. Or a more pungent sauce made of tomatoes, green peppers and chili sauce. Kale is an excellent accompaniment to any of the substantial meat dishes of Winter. The pork ham, corned beef or mutton.

In the cabbage group there's enough to ring the changes on greens for many days. For one thing, there are so many varieties.

person. For since one does not speak Spanish, and meeting no success in English, one spoke to her in French, and when she replied in atrocious French one knew."

Nathalie's atrocious French—she spoke French beautifully—had been sheer inspiration and her salvation.

Mrs. Swayne dropped the topic of the masked hostess.

"And oh, yes, about my dear niece. Poor child, since her father's tragic death she has grown strange and sensitive and flew at me when she was at Southampton and then went away without telling me where. I have tried to find her but have no trace of her. She is hiding somewhere with some friends of course—probably some one she knew abroad. It was really she who brought me here tonight, for of course, you will tell me where I can find her since you are her tenant here and must be in communication with her."

Stefano shook his head and explained that the lease he had had

been made him by a receiver and through a bank.

"Really?" said Mrs. Swayne. "How baffling she is. Like her father, who was also difficult to deal with. But let us have courage. Do you remember at Southampton you said to us that you had once seen her dance at a masque at San Sebastian—or was it Biarritz?—and would know her if anywhere again? But, of course, you do. Just a while ago you spoke of it again when you insisted that she and I danced alike—that it ran in our blood. Some night she may accompany friends here and you will recognize her at once."

Mrs. Swayne's eyes drifted after a girl in sage green dancing with a falconer in scarlet. And Stefano chanced to look across the room.

He saw Nathalie with her harlequin—and instantly, by her slender feet, and her supple grace of body, and her turn of neck, and the poise of her lovely head, he knew her for who she was.

(To be continued tomorrow.)

## WORD HUNT

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In the English language there are EIGHTEEN WORDS (each having just five letters) that begin with the letters A W

One of them is A W A F T

YOU supply the others.

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To wait for; to stay for; to expect. Also, to be in store for.

To rouse from sleep; to awaken.

Waiting.

To adjudge, grant or give after due deliberation. A judgment or final decision.

Cognizant; conscious; informed.

Washed by the waves. Flooding in the water.

Waiting.

Weekly; at the week.

In the West.

Exceedingly bad; monstrous. Appalling.

Whetting; sharpening; stimulating.

Whirling.

A bit or jot.

Inspiring with fear and reverence. Controlling by inspiring dread.

Winking.

Roused from sleep. To arouse.

At work; working.

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**Mehama**

MEHAMA, November 16.—The American Legion gave a banquet and dance Armistice day. The banquet was served at the hotel and the dance was given in Philippe's hall.

Giles Wagner has bought the Carruth place about a quarter of a mile west of Mehama on the highway.

William Mulkey has installed a telephone.

The Santiam Camp Fire girls held meeting at Pat Lyons' and made rag dolls to give the orphans for Christmas. At the close of the meeting corn was popped.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor's baby daughter, Betty Von, has been ill, but is better now.

Gall Boringer has plowed and sown M. C. Philippe's place.

The Crabtree Logging camp shut down for a day on account of shortage of water.

The "Star of England," historic salmon fishing boat, has been purchased by the Swedish navy for a training ship.

## GUARD INFANT FROM USUAL MOUTH ILLS

Only Clean Things Should Enter Baby's Mouth, Warns Dr. Copeland, Pointing Out the Danger of Infecting the Delicate Tissues.

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MANY times I have said that the mouth of a baby is like a magnet. It attracts everything within reach. It is even more compelling because it draws other things besides those that are magnetic.

All of us find it amusing to interest a young baby at play. It reaches for everything, thrusts its fist into the mouth and tries even to get its foot into that yawning cavity.

The wonder is that the delicate tissues of the mouth are not wounded and infected far more frequently than usual. As a matter of fact a delicate baby is apt to suffer from some variety of sore mouth.

During a fever, inflammation is not uncommon. Indigestion may have this as one of its painful symptoms. Infection from some unclean article thrust into the mouth, or from contaminated food, may set up trouble here.

If the tissues become inflamed, the mouth will be hot and extremely sensitive. In consequence nursing is almost impossible. The parts are so sore that the child cannot bear to hold the nipple. On attempting to nurse, the baby will drop the breast and begin to cry.

When the mouth is sore the tissues become very red. The lining of the cheeks, the covering of the gums and the throat will be almost scarlet in color.

At first the mouth is extremely dry. Pretty soon the saliva begins to appear, and within a short time it fairly pours from the mouth.

These symptoms are regarded by many as signs of "teeth." As a matter of fact, the teeth are not coming in until the baby is about a year old.

There is a well-defined disease of the mouth known as "thrush." It is due to a growth of a fungus, usually the same that are bottle feed.

This ailment, too, may be traced to lack of cleanliness. Unless the breasts and nipples are kept absolutely clean this form of infection is likely to occur.

What has been said is enough, I am sure, to indicate the necessity of cleanliness. Only clean things should enter the baby's mouth. That cavity should be cleaned frequently. Frequent use is better than cure.



DR. COPELAND

**Answers to Health Queries**

**P. I. Q.—How can I reduce weight?**  
A.—Weight reduction is merely a matter of self-control as regards the diet. For full particulars send a self-addressed stamped envelope and repeat your question.

**MRS. F. L. B. Q.—What can be done to cure pimples?**  
A.—Correct the diet by cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee. Eat simple food. Constipation should be avoided.

**R. E. Q.—What can be done to correct constipation?**  
A.—Your diet should be corrected. Avoid foods unduly rich in starches and fats.

**MRS. B. C. F. Q.—What causes my ankles to swell?**  
A.—This condition may be due to kidney, heart or circulatory disturbance. It would be wise to consult a physician for an examination.

**ANXIOUS WIFE. Q.—What would you advise for a note on the abdomen? It has been infected but yielded to treatment. It sometimes has a drawing, pulling sort of feeling.**  
A.—See a skin specialist for his advice. It would be difficult to make any definite suggestion without seeing the lesion. The examination will determine the necessary treatment.

**M. A. Q.—What can be done for a rash?**  
A.—Careful shampooing and rinsing and the use of a good hair tonic about twice a week should bring about results.

**Q. MRS. Q.—Is it harmful for a boy of 15 years to smoke cigarettes?**  
A.—How can I gain weight?  
A.—Yes. After you have reached the age of twenty-one there is time enough for you to smoke.

**T.—Froper dieting and deep breathing in the morning. You should eat nourishing foods and have plenty of sleep and rest. For full particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope.**

**TROUBLED. Q.—What causes body perspiration?**  
A.—Excessive perspiration is due to nerve stimulation. After bathing use a solution of alum, 1 drachm to a pint of water. This should help the condition. However, it would be wise to have treatment for your nervousness.

**A. I. T. Q.—What will clear up pimples?**  
A.—A restricted diet, avoiding too many rich, sweet foods and regular elimination should bring about results.

**MAURINE. Q.—I would like to know the cause and cure for ear-tach swellings that come overnight on my hands, feet, neck and eye lids.**  
A.—It is possible that you are troubled with urticaria, although Rubine usually accompanies this condition. Occasionally certain foods cause this trouble and then again a nervous condition, constipation and a kidney condition may be responsible.

**S. A. D. Q.—How can I reduce?**  
A.—Weight reduction is purely a matter of self-control in regard to diet. Eat very sparingly of starches, sugars and fats. For particulars send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question.

**F. E. C. Q.—What can be done for a crawling sensation on the neck and shoulders? My nerves are bad and my scalp itches at times.**  
A.—Very likely due to a nerve disturbance. Improve our health and your nerves will benefit.

## POLLY AND HER PALS



## "Kitty's Tale of Woe"



## "Will Mac Fall For This?"



## "The Map She Can't Forget"



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