

# BEVERLY OF GRAUSTARK

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was proposing a marriage to the Princess Yvonne. She was playing the Graustark and Dawsbergen national hymns. But it was all as a dream to her. At last she heard Candace calling to her, her face wreathed in smiles. Scores of eyes seemed to be looking at her, and all of them were full of amusement.

"Now, say that a girl can't keep a secret," came to her ears from the radiant sister of Dantán. Ravone, at her side, spoke to her, and she turned to him dizzily.

"You first knew me as Ravone, Miss Calhoun," he was saying gleefully. "Then it became necessary, by royal command, for me to be Prince Dantán. May I have the honor of introducing myself in the proper person? I am Christobal of Rapp-Thorburg, and I shall be no other than he hereafter. The friendship that binds me to Prince Dantán, at last in his proper place beside the Princess of Graustark, is to be strengthened into a dearer relationship before many days have passed."

"The Princess Candace ceases to be his sister," volunteered the Duke of Mirox. "She is and long has been his affianced wife."

Enchanted and confused over all that had occurred in the last few moments, Beverly murmured her heartfelt congratulations to the joyous couple. The orchestra had again ceased playing. All eyes turned to Baldos—the real Prince Dantán—who, glass in hand, rose to his feet.

"Your royal highness, ladies and gentlemen, Graustark and Dawsbergen are entering a new era. I pledge you my honor that never again shall the slightest misunderstanding exist between them. They shall go forth to their glorious destiny as one people. Your gracious ruler has seen fit to bestow her hand and affections upon an American gentleman, your esteemed prince consort. We all know how loyally the people have approved her choice. There is one present, a trusted friend of your beautiful princess and lovingly called in your hearts Beverly of Graustark. Whose example more worthy for me to follow than that of the Princess Yvonne? With whom could I better share my throne and please you more than with your beloved American protegee? I ask you to drink a toast to my betrothed, Beverly Calhoun, the future Princess of Dawsbergen."



"I have won your love by the fairest means."

Every glass was raised and the toast drunk amid ringing cheers. The military band crashed out the air so dear to all Americans, especially to southern hearts. Beverly was too overcome to speak.

"You all"—she exclaimed.

There was a tremendous commotion in the gallery. People were standing in their seats, half frightened and amused, their attention attracted by the unusual scene. A portly negress, totally unconscious of the sensation she was causing, her feet keeping time to the lively strains of music, was frantically waving a red and yellow bandanna handkerchief. It was Aunt Fanny, and in a voice that could be heard all over the banquet hall she shouted: "Good Lawd, honey, er der ain't playin' 'Away Down South In Dixie' Hooray! Hooray!"

Hours later Beverly was rumbling, confused and humbled, through the halls to her room, when a swiftener one than she came up and checked her flight.

"Beverly!" cried an eager voice. She slackened her pace and glanced over her shoulder. The smiling, triumphant face of Baldos met her gaze. The upper hall was almost clear of people. She was strangely frightened, distressingly diffident. Her door was not far away, and she would have reached it in an instant later had he not laid a restraining, compelling hand upon her arm. Then she turned to face him, her lips parted in protest. "Don't look at me in that way!" he cried imploringly. "Come, dearest, come with me. We can be alone in the nook at the end of the hall. Heavens, I am the happiest being in all the world. It has turned out as I have prayed it should."

She allowed him to lead her to the darkened nook. In her soul she was wondering why her tongue was so powerless. There were a hundred things she wanted to say to him, but now that the moment had come she was voiceless. She only could look helplessly at him. Joy seemed to be paralyzed within her. It was as if she slept and could not be awakened. As she sank upon the cushion he dropped to his knee before her, his hand clasping hers with a fervor that thrilled her with life. As he spoke her pulses quickened and the blood began to race furiously.

"I have won your love, Beverly, by

the fairest means. There has not been an hour in which I have not been struggling for this glorious end. You gave yourself to me when you knew I could be nothing more than the humblest soldier. It was the sacrifice of love. You will forgive my presumption—my very innoence, dear one—when I tell you that my soul is the forfeit I pay. It is yours through all eternity. I love you. I can give you the riches of the world as well as the wealth of the heart. The vagabond dies; your poor humble follower gives way to the supplanting prince. You would have lived in a cot as the guardsman's wife. You will take the royal palace instead."

Beverly was herself again. The spell was gone. Her eyes swam with happiness and love. The suffering her pride had sustained was swept into a heap labeled romance, and she was rejoicing.

"I hated you tonight, I thought," she cried, taking his face in her hands. "It looked as though you had played a trick on me. It was mean, dear. I couldn't help thinking that you had used me as a plaything, and it—it made me furious. But it is different now. I see, oh, so plainly. And just as I had resigned myself to the thought of spending the rest of my life in a cottage, away outside the pale of this glorious life! Oh, it is like a fairy tale!"

"Ah, but it was not altogether a trick, dear one. There was no assurance that I could regain the throne—until the very last. Without it I should have been the beggar instead of the prince. We would have lived in a hovel, after all. Fortune was with me. I deceived you for months, Beverly—my Beverly—but it was for the best. In defense of my honor and dignity, however, I must tell you that the princess has known for many days that I am Dantán. I told her the truth when Christobal came that day with the news. It was all well enough for me to pass myself off as a vagabond, but it would have been unpardonable to foist him upon her as the prince."

"And she has known for a week?" cried Beverly in deep chagrin.

"And the whole court has known," "I alone was blind!"

"As blind as the proverb. Thank God, I won your love as a vagabond. I can treasure it as the richest of my princely possessions. You have not said that you will go to my castle with me, dear."

She leaned forward unsteadily, and he took her in his eager arms. Their lips met, and their eyes closed in the ecstasy of bliss. After a long time she lifted her lids, and her eyes of gray looked solemnly into his dark ones.

"I have much to ask you about, many explanations to demand, sir," she said threateningly.

"By the rose that shields my heart, you shall have the truth," he laughed back at her. "I am still your servant. My enlistment is endless. I shall always serve your highness."

"Your highness!" she murmured reflectively. Then a joyous smile of realization broke over her face. "Isn't it wonderful?"

"Do you think your brothers will let me come to Washington now?" he asked teasingly.

"It does seem different, doesn't it?" she murmured, with a strange little smile. "You will come for me?"

"To the ends of the earth, your highness."

THE END.

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AN ECONOMICAL HENHOUSE.

house containing the windows of course faces the south. There is a ventilator in the very peak of the building. This comes down to near the second floor, in the middle of which there is an opening to the first floor. Thus there is always abundance of ventilation without the possibility of drafts. The second floor makes an admirable place in which to store litter, or it may be used as a pigeon loft. The floor of the house proper is of concrete if the building rests on the ground, but if it is elevated, which is the better plan, it is of double boards, with tarred felt between them, thus making it absolutely rat proof. The uses to which such a structure may be put and the variations upon the general plan herewith illustrated are almost without number.

**Poultry Short Cuts.**

"Farmer" Vincent in Farm Journal (Philadelphia) wisely says:

When the combs of the fowls begin to droop and look pale and limp, better sort them out and get hens with nice, bright combs.

It is the singing hen that does a good day's work. Same way with men folks.

The beef trust is leading us to trust more and more in hens.

Change the diet of the hens often. None of us likes to live all the time on pudding and milk, good as they are.

About the surest way to fall is to crowd too many hens into one pen. It never paid. It never will.

Kind of hard work to wash eggs, but they look so much better when you offer them for sale!

Keep the doors closed at night. This is the time of the year when enemies of the hiddles prow around.

Use some animal food every day, but have it good.

Have the feed boxes high enough from the floor so that you can sweep under them. Sure to be a lot of litter there.

Hens do not like to pick their shells out of a box full of straw and cobs. Keep the shells clean by putting the box up where the litter will not get into it.

Expect to learn something about the chickens every day.

**The Old Time "Pip."**

Pip is just one symptom in disease. It is just a dry tongue. Never try to remove the dry covering of the tongue. Better hunt the real trouble and cure that. A "pip" tongue is seen in bronchitis, pneumonia—in fact, in all diseases of the air passages, says a writer in American Poultry Advocate.

One thing I am sure of—that is, that boiled potato skins never produce trouble. I see no reason to think that there is drying quality enough in these skins when fed raw to give the looks of pip.

**Scurvy in Poultry.**

Scurvy is something like eczema, sorehead or other like ailments. Some call it white comb in poultry. It comes from an ailment of the blood. It is very difficult to cure. A thorough treatment with epsom salts, iron and quinine tonics for a number of months might remove the ailments. It does not injure them otherwise, unless the sore places become lacerated and cancer. When this comes, they should not be used for food.

**A Good Dry Mash.**

The following ration is a very satisfactory dry mash: Twenty pounds wheat bran and ten pounds each corn meal, middlings, gluten meal, linseed meal and beef scrap, the whole thoroughly mixed. Keep this before the birds all the time in a food hopper.

Also give one or two feeds a day of corn, wheat and oats, sixteen parts, fed in deep litter. Give vegetable food and green stuff freely.

**Emden Geese.**

Emden geese are of German origin. The city of Emden was in an early day the central place for marketing the geese of the country; hence the name of this breed. Standard weights: Gander, twenty pounds; young gander, eighteen pounds; adult goose, eighteen pounds; young goose, sixteen pounds. Plumage color, pure white.

A generous ration of salt should be fed the cattle whose ration consists largely of corn fodder. The salt not only increases their appetite for the fodder, but enables them to digest and assimilate it much more readily.

It is usually the type of folks who are superstitious about undertaking enterprises on Friday who are the most likely to buy largely of the foreign fruit tree agent or squander their hard earned dollars in fake mining investment companies. Superstition and gullibility usually trot hand in hand.

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