



MR. ROOSTER AS KING

"IF I AM cock of the walk," said Mr. Rooster one morning to himself, as he strutted around the barnyard, "that means that I am king. And if I am king, why shouldn't I have a castle and why shouldn't my subjects pay me for being their king?"



"Mr. Rooster Found Himself Alone," he sat on a roost and held the door fast. All the hens and chickens came running to get in when it was time to go to bed, but Mr. Rooster called to them, saying that he was a king and any one that wanted to get in must pay him a grain of corn for the privilege of sleeping in the king's castle.

"What's in a Name?" By MILDRED MARSHALL. Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

SUSANNA. SUSANNA is another of the "holy names" with which the Scriptures abound. Though it has been contracted rather generally to Susan, the proper form, and the one which possesses an interesting history, is Susanna. It signifies "lily," and comes from the ancient Hebrew name Schuschannah, which, in sound, more nearly resembles the French Suzanne.

The story of Susanna, related in the additional chapters of the Book of Daniel, and repudiated by St. Jerome, has been commemorated in ballad, tapestry and painting. The name also belonged to one of the holy women of the sepulcher, and it was in the church calendar for two virgin martyrs who suffered death in the times of persecution. The most famous Susanna of history was the "Lily of Tiflis," the Queen Susanna who was put to death by the Mohammedans for her religious faith. All the picturesque romance of the early ages centers in her history. The English call this name Susannah, and by a curious coincidence almost without equal in etymology, the French, German, Swiss and Bavarians agree upon Susanne as a favorite national name. The garnet is Susanna's talismanic stone. It promises her true friendships and a pleasing personal magnetism. Thursday is her lucky day and 4 her lucky number.

A LINE O' CHEER. By John Kendrick Bangs. THE HEAVIEST LOAD. THE heaviest burden man can bear is truly not a load of care. But that back-breaking weight of rue. On days when he has naught to do. With Time so full of rare commands. Hanging like lead upon his hands.

Explicit Instructions. "Do you see this road as far as ye can see?" said the native in answer to an inquiry. "No," replied the pedestrian. "I'm a little shortsighted." "Well," returned the other, "when ye go as far as I can see, ye'll be getting on to the place ye want to get to."

be pretty hungry in the morning and may have to do a little pecking, but after that I am sure I will be able to live as a king should and have my subjects wait on me." Mr. Rooster was right. All the hens and chickens saved a grain of corn and the next night his castle was full of his subjects, as also was his crop full of corn. Mr. Rooster slept with the string that worked the lock fastened to one foot, for sometimes when he was dozing a subject came to the castle door, and one night he was awakened by a soft voice outside saying: "O mighty King of the Barnyard, pray let me in. I have a bag full of golden corn."

"I am a stray goose that has wandered away from her home and cannot find a place to sleep, and I am willing to pay a high price for the privilege of sleeping in your castle." Now, it wasn't a goose at all, but Mr. Fox, who in some way had heard about the way Mr. Rooster was making his hens and chickens pay for sleeping in the poultry house. Mr. Fox saw right off a chance to get in and carry off one or two fat hens. Mr. Rooster was so flattered that he did not stop to ask any questions or look out to see who it was. He pulled the string, the latch flew up and Mr. Fox jumped into the midst of the hens and chickens.

Such a crying and squawking as they set up scared even Mr. Fox, and before he could get out of the poultry house with one, Mr. Dog came bounding at him, and Mr. Fox, without his breakfast, made tracks for home. "You are a nice king, you are," said Mr. Dog. A king looks out for his subjects and does not let an enemy in his castle, and if I were the hens and chickens I would roost in the barn at night where Mr. Horse and Madam Cow could protect me if Mr. Fox came along. The hens and chickens took his advice and the next night poor Mr. Rooster found himself alone and very hungry, too. So he decided that being a king was very hard work, and besides that, he did not like to be alone, for if Mr. Fox should take a notion to call again he knew that he would need the help of all the hens to call to Mr. Dog for help.

THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME. By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE. FOR MEN WHO DANCE. When an occasion is piled high with difficulty, we must rise to the occasion.—Abraham Lincoln.

DON'T ruin the gowns of the girls with whom you dance by the mark of your hand. In the good old days men used to wear white gloves at dances and this solved the problem. If your hands are moist be careful enough to place a handkerchief in your hand to prevent its touching the fabric of the gown, though this should be done without ostentation and without permitting the handkerchief to be too apparent. Don't forget that it is your duty to see that the girl whom you are escorting at a dance has her dances taken. You can do this by introducing her to any men you know or by seeking introductions yourself to other men in order that you can present them to her. Don't forget to remember your duty as guest if it is a dance given in a private house. To do this you should make sure to ask your hostess or members of her family for dances, and if there are house guests for the occasion to pay especial attention, particularly when they are not so vivacious or animated as to win instant popularity. Don't, under any circumstances, fail to claim a dance that has been promised to you by any of the young women present. If you find that you must leave earlier than you had expected, be sure and seek out the young women whom you must disappoint and make your excuse. If you are positively unable to find them before leaving, go to your hostess or one of the chaperones and request her to make the explanation to the young women in question. Don't under any circumstances criticize the dancing of your partner or in any way attract attention to her awkwardness, even though she is a most inept dancer. If her failure to keep step is so potent as to require comment assume the blame yourself. Don't suggest discontinuing the dance, but leave that to the young woman with whom you are dancing. If you, perchance, have a strained ankle and find yourself really unable to dance, explain this to the young woman with whom you have engaged the dance, and offer to release her from the engagement if she wishes, assuring her at the same time that you would be charmed to chat with her during the dance if she will be so kind to you.

Few Can Stand Alone. The greatest man living may stand in need of the meaneast, as much as the meaneast does of him.—Fuller.

Flowers Were for Jim

By JANE OSBORN

So Dr. Martha Yates went to Jim's narrow cot and no one in the ward seemed to feel the least bit jealous or slighted when she put the whole glorious dozen on his table. For Jim was as popular with the other patients as with the nurses and doctors. Jim looked up quickly straight into the eyes of Martha Yates and for just one moment she felt a little uncomfortable—wondered if after all she ought to have brought him the flowers. His eyes had never looked that way before—they seemed so bright and clear, from beneath lids that betrayed the recent suffering that he would have been loath to admit. He stretched out one large hand, still strong and showing a peculiar pallor overlying the sunburn that had not yet disappeared, and with this hand he took Dr. Martha's small hand in his. "Thank you, doctor," he said. "You don't know how I shall treasure them."

Dr. Martha Yates had gone away in confusion that she had with difficulty concealed. Suddenly it seemed as if Jim, who had seemed only a fine overgrown boy, had been transformed into a man, strong and virile in spite of his present prostration. She was half sorry that she had taken him the flowers—perhaps it had been very unprofessional. But the nurses had not seemed to think it inappropriate. To them Jim was still plain Jim. Perhaps they had not seen the look, so strong and clear, beneath those tired eyelids. Jim was quick to recover and within the week he was allowed to get up and sit in a chair for a few hours. And the next day Dr. Robinson whisked him off, stopping with him at the office just long enough to pay in new banknotes the fee for board in the ward. The nurses were vexed with Dr. Robinson for he had not told them of his intention of taking Jim away, and only the little nurse who happened to be in the ward at the time had an opportunity to say good-bye to him, and she had been so surprised at his sudden departure, in a baggy, ill-fitting suit and ulster that the doctor brought for him, that she had not asked him where he was going or invited him to revisit the hospital and his many friends there.

"Jim's gone," the nurses told Dr. Martha Yates when she came that day. For a moment Martha started. She, too, seemed to regret not having had an opportunity to say good-bye or to have found out a little more about this mysterious optimist who had so brightened the atmosphere of the hospital during his brief stay. But when she reached her office that night she found a man waiting for her in the waiting room, though it was an hour before office hours. It was, in fact, her customary dinner hour. The man was indeed Jim, though he now wore clothes that fitted perfectly, and it was not until Martha had stood looking at him for a full minute that she was quite sure of his identity. And in that minute Jim stood holding the hand she had offered to him. "Who in the world are you?" she asked when they had sat down in the dim light of the waiting room. "You're not the simple workingman we all took you to be, you—"

"I'm James Bradley, Jr.," said Jim simply. "You know my father. I believe he's president of the board of trustees of the hospital." Of course Martha knew him. It was James Bradley who had contributed more than half of the funds that had supported the hospital for many years past. "I've been away from home a good many years. No one remembers me. This summer, you know, there was some criticism of the hospital. It was said that a poor man didn't get a show—that the ward patients were neglected. You know, of course. My father was annoyed and grieved. He felt sure it wasn't true. Still he wanted to prove the falseness of it all. I was off roughing it with him in the mountains. Father and I always spend a month together every summer. And one day I lost my footing in the mountains up there—and took a jolly header. I wasn't so very badly hurt. Father suggested that since I had to come down to civilization to get mended I should come to this hospital and that I should do a little spying on the side. So we got in touch with Dr. Robinson, who let it be understood that I was just any one. And you know what I learned—I learned that the men in that ward are as decently and as well treated as they would be in private rooms, and I learned to admire the nurses and—it's all coming out in a report my father will have ready for the next meeting of the board of trustees.

"In the meantime," James Bradley drew his stiff office chair close to that of Dr. Martha. "In the meantime I learned to love you. I know your heart is in your work—but it's such a big heart! Can't you let me share a little of it, too?" Dr. Martha Yates looked into Jim's eyes and she knew she was not deserting the ideals of her father when she told Jim she would put her whole heart into his keeping.

Ten Great Books. The ten most important books in the world, according to H. G. Wells, are: Isaiah, St. Mark, "The Great Learning," the Koran, Plato's "Republic," Aristotle's "Natural History," Marco Polo's "Travels," Copernicus' "The Revolutions of the Heavens," Bacon's "The New Atlantis," Darwin's "Origin of Species." "The Great Learning" is a product of one or more of the disciples of Confucius. Wells includes it as representing the literature of a people and an epoch. This is his method in compiling the list. He does not urge literary value or any other quality.

Happy Time of Life. Perhaps the best definition of middle age is the period at which one is most anxious to be assured that one is not yet old.—Westminster Gazette.

The Little Tyrant. Let every sound be dead; baby sleeps. The emperor's soft tread; baby sleeps. Let Mozart's music stop! Let Phidias' chisel drop! Baby sleeps. Demosthenes be dumb! Our tyrant's hour has come! Baby sleeps.

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The Old Stage Coach. The first stage coach was run in England in the latter part of the Sixteenth century. In this country the first coach was run between New York and Boston in 1732. In 1736 one between New York and Philadelphia.

Speaking of Fruit. Sometimes a fellow makes a date with a peach he believes will turn out to be the apple of his eye, but eventually she proves a lemon that no sensible chap could care a fig for.—Farm Life.

Often He Wouldn't Want To. Dreams go by contraries, but this is something a fellow never seems to remember when he's asleep.—Boston Transcript.

Courts of Justice. Courts of justice were established in Athens in 1507 B. C. and by Moses in 1491 B. C. The courts were common in Europe. Our own Supreme court was founded in 1789, with one chief justice and five associates.

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