

Mr. and Mrs. Sallie

—being the Confessions of a new wife—

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To have pretended to myself that I was unmoved by the musician's ardent wooing would have been untrue, for his sincerity and devotion, expressed in such persuasive language, had reassured me that, in spite of Curtiss' painful indifference, I was not entirely without charm. Then, too, I had been utterly lonely for so many months and had felt for such a long time that I was not an essential factor in Curtiss' life, that, although Barry was not conscious of the fact, his greatest appeal to me was the thought that I would be able to help him in his musical career.

Mrs. Browning had written, in the fullness of her great love, for the Florentine poet that "a woman's greatest need is just the need of being needed," or words of similar sentiment, and certainly no truer words have ever been penned. I had begun to realize, too, that a woman must be necessary to someone else's happiness or usefulness, be it children, parents, husband or friend, otherwise her motherly instinct becomes a bothersome complex and makes of her existence a highly unsatisfactory affair.

And so when Barry came to call one evening not long after Ellie and I had had our talk, I had made up my mind to tell him that I would become his wife. Ellie, with her usual diplomacy, had seen to it that she and Carmen had both disappeared with their 'dates' before he arrived. We seated ourselves on Ellie's



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down-cushioned divan. He took both my hands in his, and I thought he would discuss his concert but, with his usual impetuosity, he came directly to the subject which was always uppermost in his mind.

"Well, petite Oiseau," he always used French in his tenderer moods, "am I to have my answer tonight? I've been thinking all day of a wonderful place we can spend our honeymoon. High up in the Swiss Alps at the beautiful little village of Caux. It overlooks Lac Leman—the bluest of all the lakes in the world—and in May the hillside and valleys are an unbroken bed of white narcissi. There's a splendid hotel and at that season there are very few guests, Caux being famous, really, you know, for its winter sports and," he went on, his eyes bright with his plans, "in the Springtime the air is so deliciously sharp that the huge logs roar in fireplaces at either end of the lounge, the sides of which are made of innumerable windows through which one always gets a matchless view of dancing, sun-kissed water and snow-capped Alps. You'll love Caux!" he finished, "and from there we can go to other places that are sure to fill you with delight."

"But what about your music Barry?" I asked tentatively for it was his art that I was most interested in and not the lover's paradise he had so charmingly painted in picturesque terms.

"Later, Adoree, we shall return to Paris to live, or perhaps you would like a pretty chateau in Fontainebleau!" with fervent enthusiasm he continued making his plans, "we'll have such jolly times, Sallie-dear, won't you please tell that you'll marry me soon?"

"Are you sure that you love me so much?" I finally asked in an effort to gain further time before my final reply.

My silence and the question which followed gave Barry hope. He took me in his arms: "Oh, my beloved," he murmured with lips against my hair, "why will you tantalize me so?" and before I realized it his lips had found my mouth and he kissed me with tender yearning again and again. I, who had longed so for Curtiss and his caresses, found myself as rigid and unresponsive as a piece of ice in the arms of another man. Then confused, disorderly thoughts came pounding in on me and a strenuous mental conflict ensued while I dis-

Barry, time and again," I hurried on, "that my heart belongs to Curtiss Wright. I still want to impress you with that, in all fairness to yourself, also to tell you frankly that I do not love you as you deserve to be loved, but," I concluded, "if you still want me, knowing all this, I'll try my best to make you happy and to bury the past." There was no breaking down, no hysterics, or uncertain delay but the words were uttered with such dreadful calm that they rang through Ellie's beautiful room, with the weird sound of a funeral dirge.

"I want you under ANY circumstances," Barry replied, and I suppose I should have appreciated his devotion and that his promptness in replying should have warmed my heart.

"And now, Barry, if you please, I want to be alone. I think he understood my mood for this time he only kissed my hand, and, as radiant as a youngster on Christmas morning, left the room.

Long after he had gone I compared his cold matter-of-fact engagement, with the way I had felt when Curtiss had proposed. Then the world had been transformed into a garden spot in the midst of rosate clouds and we the only two beings in a beautiful Eden of dreams. I had heard of women marrying the second time, making successful wives and gaining a certain measure of contentment and joy, but, for me, I was sure that the thrilling exuberance of first-love would never again be mine.

Anyway if Curtiss didn't want me what difference did it make? If I refused Barry I would probably stay on in New York and become hardened to the aimless pleasure-loving existence led by Ellie and Carmen in their ultra-modern set, and, old associations with Curtiss would forever keep me away from my father's home—the place where we had first met. And too, as I grew older I would long for companionship and certainly Barry could give me that. I recalled a fragment of one of Edna St. Vincent Millay's charming little songs and for hours it spun itself in and out of my mind:

"You might as well be calling yours
What never will be his,
And one of us be happy
There's few enough as is."
At any rate I had made my decision and my fate was on the lap of the gods.

(To be continued)
Next—Sallie has an interview with Lemoyne who reveals many secrets of her past.

NEW ROUND TRIP RATES ANNOUNCED

A reduction in fares for week end trips has been announced by the Southern Pacific company to go into effect October 1. On that date, ticket agents are authorized to begin selling round trip tickets good on Sunday only for any place at one and a tenth fare. The trip must be made on Sunday and return the same day. This rate enables one to make short trips on Sunday at a substantial reduction from the regular price. Under the new schedule, the fare to Oakridge is \$2. to Westfir \$1.90, to Lowell .80, to McCredie Springs \$2.60, and to Cascade Summit \$4.35.

On the same day, reduced rates on week end trips will come into effect. A round trip ticket may be bought on Saturday or Sunday to return on Monday for a fare and a third, provided the regular one way fare is not more than \$12.

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EATING FRUIT BENEFICIAL SAYS HEALTH BOARD

The benefits derived from eating fruits are undoubted. Fruits are a natural and healthy stimulant to digestion. They act upon the digestive organs somewhat like green vegetables, but they have the additional advantage of containing acids and of appealing to the aesthetic sense. Some people look on fruit as a luxury, but there are very good reasons why we should eat fruit daily. All fruits contain certain acids or organic acids which have a more or less stimulating effect on the kidneys, and some of them, such as pears, figs and prunes have a laxative effect. In addition to this, fruit furnishes a certain indigestible bulk of roughage which tends to retain water in the intestines and thus helps to regulate the bowels.

Children's physicians recommend that all babies of the age of six months should be given a small amount of mild fruit juice or tomato juice daily. This is particularly necessary in cases of infants fed on cows' milk or prepared milk foods. Unless some of these juices are given a disease known as scurvy may develop. The mild form of this disease often stands unrecognized for a time, being noted only in the slowing up of the growth of the child later on.

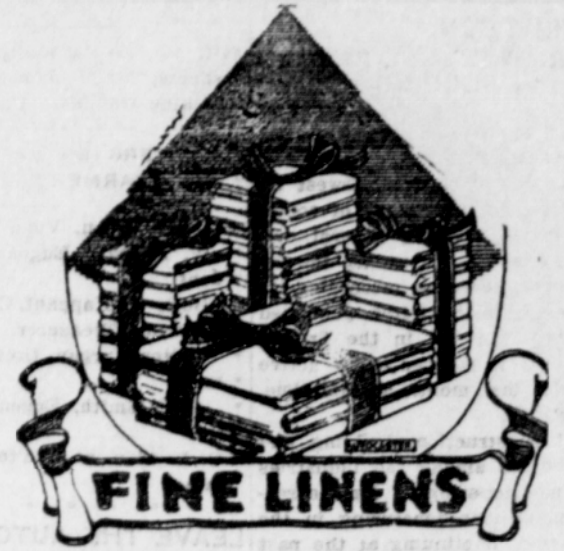
Fruit is one of so-called protective foods and it should be used in some form daily. Fresh fruits, because of their large content of water, are always cooling, refreshing, and appetizing. Fruit that is not thoroughly ripe or is decomposed should not be eaten. Apples are a staple fruit, low in price and easy to prepare. They are the most abundant market fruit. Their many and varied uses are too well known to require comment.

When we chew fibrous food, such as raw fruit, it is said that we exert a pressure of 100 to 150 pounds on the teeth. This insures a good ventilation of the lungs, and in children, particularly, tends to develop better teeth and jaws. Raw fruit, again, leaves the teeth freer from adhering matter than soft foods. It also stimulates the secretion of a strongly alkaline saliva which coats the teeth and counteracts the action of particles of food which would otherwise remain. It is wise, therefore, to end a meal with raw fruits, since it not only adds to the cleansing of the teeth, but it also helps to preserve them. Fruit juices are invaluable as restoratives to health, since they tax the digestive organs very little and are quickly assimilated—State Board of Health.

Stewart, V. D. Bain, G. G. Bushman, and Dr. W. C. Rehban were named on the committee by John Ketels, president of the Lions.

This committee and the one from the Chamber of Commerce will handle all the necessary publicity in connection with the new bridge. While the

bridge is backed by the county court and favored by Eugene and Springfield people, it is thought that some of the other parts of the country not directly interested in the bridge might have objections to the bond issue if the necessity for the new bridge were not placed before them.



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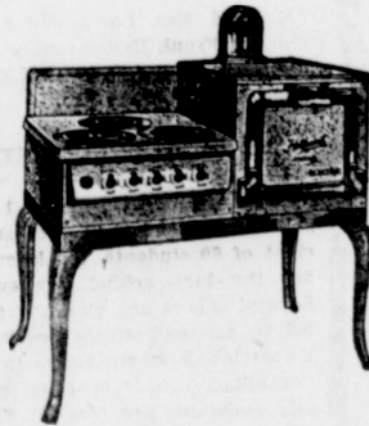
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