Sallie's Temptations

by Gladys Baker

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SALLIE SEES SALLIE FROM A NEW VIEWPOINT

"Yes, in spite of your sarcasm, that's it!" his emotion sobered me again.

"I love you," he continued fiercely, "and I don't want to touch you again. I said you were everything I had dreamed of, but you're nothing of that. You're fluff—there's nothing real about you. Nothing but surface in your makeup."

I closed my eyes. For the first time in my life, I was having my soul stripped bare and, strange though the experience was, I was thrilled to my innermost being.

"Go on, I want to hear everything you have to say." My voice was calm. I held my chin high. There was no desire to escape, rather an eagerness to see from a new perspective the real Sallie, a girl whom it had taken Curtiss Wright to reveal.

"You're a toy balloon. Yes, by God, that's it, and why?" he hurried on, "because you've let the Great God Pleasure kiss your lips and you've breathed into him all the fineness, all the realness that is YOU. A beautiful jewel box with," he hesitated as if he would halt the words that fell, "with the most precious jewels gone."

"Stop!" I cried, "you can't say that, you don't know what you've insinuated I've sat quietly, heard you through and about a great many things you've been right—but not that—not that!"

An acorn fell.

The stillness of a tomb enveloped the late afternoon.

Still he spoke no word.

"Do you really think," my voice sank to a whisper, "that I'm—I'm bad?"

"Don't ask me that, don't Sallie. I have no right to judge."

"But you know, that no matter how frivolous I am—that—"

"But what am I to think when you hold your kisses and caresses so lightly? When you admit that you allowed Ted Billings to kiss you. But, let's not quibble. It's the principle, Sallie. Don't you see that you can't hold out this way long. Even if you haven't crossed the narrow line?"

I remained still, too still. It was a relief when he spoke again.

"And I loved you like I love tomorrow's sunrise. I can't help that, I can only love you and be chained by the knowledge of what you've thrown away," he continued, "and the saddest part of it is that you can get it all back."

My heart beat high.

"But you never will," he straightened his shoulders with the sentence he had pronounced. "So we're through with each other, Sallie. We'll have to be after this. I'll take your beauty for my comfort. Your loveliness that's flown will be my dream. That's all I'll have to cherish of the girl I've adored. Forgive me, if you can for saying the things I have had to say. There's only one word for what I've been. A cad."

He clambered from the car, heedless of the pain he had caused. His words had left me emotionless, without smiles, without tears.

He took a step in the direction of the wood ahead. Then turned, only to stop, hesitate, then murmur piteously, "And I love you more than life itself and oh, I want you so."

He walked like a man to his death and I followed silently behind.

When the path widened for a few rods, I came to his side without words, and when I put my hand in his, he let it stay. Suddenly, I saw him start and draw back. He looked quickly down. He had felt the burning moisture of a single tear on the back of his hand—the only one I had shed.

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CONTEST FOR GIRLS BEING CONDUCTED IN U. S.

At least 50 Maryland high school girls are determined that if a survey of housewives is taken a few years hence, it will not reveal the same general lack of meat knowledge as shown by a recent Government investigation, which was conducted throughout the United States. Through their home economics instructors this many young women of the state have entered for competition in the second National Meat Story Contest, according to the national live stock and meat board, which is sponsoring the educational event.

Cities in which these contestants are located and the number in each are as follows: Princess Anne 15, and Chestertown 35.

The Board also announced today that entries for the entire United States have now passed the 13,500 mark with additional schools coming in daily. As the contest does not close until May 1, it is expected that the number will far exceed the enrollment to date.

The Board points out that while the contest is sponsored as an aid to meat study in the high schools, the students are being given something more tangible to work for in the form of cash prizes totaling $2,500. The contest plan is endorsed by educators, both high schools and university.

"The popularity and worth of this means of meat education is emphasized by the fact that a large number of schools which did not become interested in the first contest are taking part this year," said the Board's statement. "Instructors feel that it is an excellent means of increasing interest in this branch of their work."

Contestants are required to write a story or theme on meat and submit with it three recipes for meat dishes.

HOW TO AVOID THIS UNWELCOME VISITOR

Pneumonia has been responsible for nearly 10,000 cases of illness and over 3,500 deaths in the counties of Maryland in the last five years. In 1923, the number of persons who died from the disease in the Registration Area of the United States was 121,572. Of that number, 1028 died in rural Maryland.

In common with the other states along the Atlantic Coast—from the Canadian border to the Gulf of Mexico—that constitute the so-called pneumonia zone—Mardylands have no control over certain characteristics of weather and climate are favorable to the development of the colds and coughs and other preliminaries of the disease. But there are certain safeguards that are within the power of the majority of grown-ups and that they can secure for themselves and also for the youngsters who are not old enough to protect themselves.

In view of the fact that this unwelcome visitor finds a strong ally in the uncertain weather, the dampness and chill and the treacherous winds of March, Dr. John S. Fulton, Director of the State Department of Health, recommends the following safeguards:

"Keep your powers of resistance," he says, "well up to the top notch. Dress according to the weather. Keep well protected against the cold and wet. Avoid sudden chilling of the body. A chill following exposure to the cold lowers the resistance of the protective mucous membrane of the mouth, nose and throat, making it easier for the pneumonia germ to reach bronchial tubes and the lungs.

"Keep your digestion in good trim by wholesome food. Avoid indigestible combinations. Take plenty of water outside and inside. Avoid over-fatigue. Get plenty of sleep—and have your sleeping room well ventilated.

"Intelligent care of head colds, of coughs and of sore throats will do much to ward off pneumonia. If you have a cold, don't take chances. Go to bed and send for your doctor.

"Don't catch cold if you can help it, but if you have one, take care not to pass it on to the other people. If you have a head cold, or expectorate, use gauze or a paper handkerchief that can be destroyed or burnt. Dispense with handshaking while you have a cold. Remember that colds are highly infectious. It is a crime for a grown-up who has a cold to kiss a baby or a child on the mouth. Grown-ups ought to know enough to protect themselves from such treatment. Children don't.

"If your friends have colds or pneumonia, keep away from them. Show your sympathy for them in other and more effective ways.

ORPHANS' COURT

The Orphans' Court met in regular session on Tuesday, present their Honors, Richard T. West, Elisha H. Harper and William J. Shawn, Judges.

W. Lee Wheatley, executor of Ella M. Wheatley, deceased, filed releases from Elizabeth Hubbard, Nellie Hurst, Emma Madgwick, Julian B. Wheatley, Ira Wheatley, Edward Hurley and W. Lee Wheatley, distributees, which were duly examined by the court, approve and ordered to be recorded.

In the matter of the estate of Charles W. Jackson, Emma Jackson and Charles Wilson Jackson, executors, filed a report of sales and real estate, and a final order of court, passed, ratifying and confirming said sale of real estate.

VERNON

Mrs. Rebecca Jester has been quite ill but is somewhat improved.

Martin Betts of Felton and brother have been visiting friends here.

Reuben Bolter has accepted a position in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price and children have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross.

Mrs. Annie Raughley recently entertained a large number of guests

Mr. Frank Ross and brother Hooper have been visiting near Wyoming.

Mr. Alfred Raughley has been appointed a delegate to the Maryland Annunal Conference and his father-in-law, Henry Walters, alternate.

Mrs. Alice H. Ross attended the concert at the Ladies' Club Room at Bridgeville on Thursday evening, given by Miss Bertha Short of Cannon and her music pupils of Cannon, Bridgeville and Federalsburg. It was a musicale of a very high order and greatly enjoyed. The proceeds were for the new M. P. church of Cannon.

Miss Lucy Pierson has returned to Swarthmore from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Pierson.

Mrs. Coursey Hammond of near Milford has returned home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cannon, of Cambridge, attended the musicale at Bridgeville.

Willie Wright is preparing to build a new residence on his farm known as the William E. Ross property.

Benjamin Hopkins, of Baltimore, has been home on a visit. He has been the guest of B. C. Draper and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Austine Stafford were recent dinner guests of Mrs. Laura Hopkins.

Tharp Calloway, the new mail carrier is expecting to remove to Harrington from his farm.

Powell Hopkins, of Burrsville, has been the guest of his mother, Mrs. Laura Hopkins.

Mrs. Sarah Coulbourn Roach, of Audobon, N. J., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coulbourne.

Mr. J. R. Cannon has been a Wilmington visitor.

A very enthusiastic base ball team has been organized at Cannon school. The sides are as follows: first, Nelson Gilbert, pitcher; Robert Truitt, catcher; Leon Trivits, first base; Donald Recors, third base; Horace Johnson, short stop; Howard Marvil, fielder: second, Val Truitt, pitcher; Granville Marvil, catcher; Lewis Trivits, first base; James Workman, second base; Harvey Passwaters, third base; Paul Burton, center field; Calvin Passwaters, short stop. Nelson Gilbert is captain of the first side and Graville Marvil is captain of the second. The pupils are chinning, walking, running and jumping, getting ready for field day which will be held May 1st.

WILL OBSERVE "BIRD WEEK"

Washington County Farm Bureau is planning an elaborate observance of "Bird Week" in the near future. In planning the details of this event the Farm Bureau leaders and members are actively assisting County Agent Moore. This county is proud of the fact that it has been selected as the first in the United States in which to observe such an event during which the conservation of bird life will be the paramount objective.

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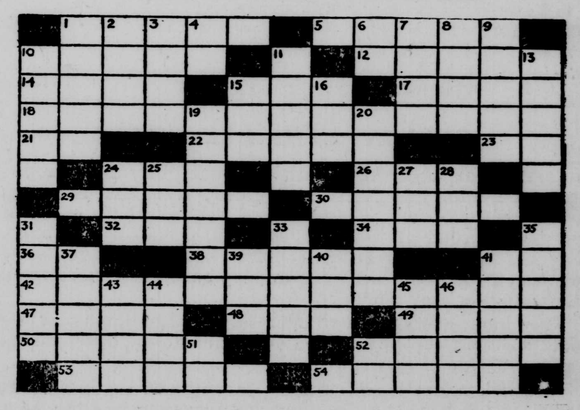
THIS WEEK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By MRS. JOHN E. SLAVEN

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The first letter of each word is indicated by a number placed in the blank white spaces, and by referriing to the list of words given below, you will find the definition. For instance, number one horizontal gives the definition of a word which will fill in all the white spaces to the first black space at the right. Number one vertical gives the definition for a word which will fill in all the white spaces to the first black space below. The black spaces indicate the end of a word, and no letter is placed in them. When completed, the puzzle must read both horizontally and vertically or across and down.



If you are superstitious you had better let this cross word puzzle by Mrs. John E. Slaven alone, because there are TWO big thirteen letter words to be worked out. They are 18 and 42 horizontal. If you think you are good hop to them right off the bat. Otherwise, by working out the vertical words, you will automatically fill in the big boys—the "13teens."

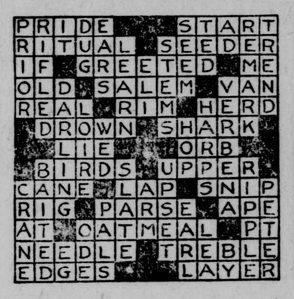
HORIZONTAL

1. Fragment
5. Speaks flatteringly
10. Glory
14. Cylinder to wind thread on
14. Prevaricator
15. Man's name
17. Confederate
18. Act of making native
21. Half an em
22. Covered with wax
23. Southern state (ab.)
24. Mineral spring
26. Join
29. Inclines
30. Blot
32. Finish
34. Conjunction
36. Part of verb to be
38. Protective article of dress.
41. Prefix
42. Memories
47. Cease to please
49. Tropical fruit
48. In addition
40. Stumps
52. Deserve
53. Gastropod
54. Efface

VERTICAL.

1. Portion of plant used for grafting
2. Edible mollusk
3. Unusual
4. Near
6. Part of verb to be
7. Petty dispute
8. Given name of popular actress
9. Sage of Greece
10. Shrub
11. Affected smile
13. Inflict death illegally
15. Consumed
16. Frozen water
19. Malicious gossip
20. Unyielding
24. Look
25. Yield a result
27. Lair
28. Parent
31. Musical instrument (pl.)
33. Selfish desire
35. Implant
37. Wealth
39. Work diligently
40. Month of the year (ab.)
41. Loosen
43. Clique
44. Girl's name
45. Mental picture
46. Boat propellers
51. Note of musical scale
52. Title of respect (ab.)

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



Farmers To Build Canning Factory

Farmers of Cordova have organized a cooperative association and have purchased a tract of land on which they will build a canning house, and pack their own tomatoes.

For over a year the farmers have been discussing the matter. County Commissioner Corroll Brinsfield is one of the prime movers of the new enterprise and this week he and a few others bought the site from Mrs. Francis A. Chance, known as the Duke farm, near Cordova.

The plot extends 400 feet along the tracks of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, running back 125 feet.

Construction is to start as soon as possible.

The plant will have a capacity of at least 25,000 cases of tomatoes. The building will measure 150 by 40 feet, and will be equipped with all the latest machinery suitable for canning tomatoes. About 30 farmers are interrested.

Incorporatiin paper call for the insuance of $25,000 worth of stock, but the full quota will not be sold at this time. About $10,000 will be offered those interested in the movement, and as soon as these are sold a meeting will be called and officers elected.

Mr. Brinsfield stated that he had made a careful study of the plant at Dover, Del., and was convinced that it pays the farmer a good return on the money invested.

In proof of this he stated that the plant at Dover has been leased for several years, but the farmers got together this year and purchased it for 65,000. This he says, is enough proof that the plant pays.

Everything will be in readiness for the coming season. Farmers in the Cordova section are thriving and energetic, and their land is among the most productive in the country. Every farmer interested will plant large acreage of tomatoes, and very few will be under contract, it is said.

MARYLAND FARM RESERVES MARCH 1, 1925.

Corn on farms March 1, 1925, based upon reported percentages applied to the entire crop, was about 7,971,000 bushels or 43 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, stocks of 11, 606,000 bushels or 46 per cent of the 1923 crop, and March 1, 1923 stocks of 12,070, 000 bushels or 47 per cent of the 1922 crop, according to a statement given out today by John S. Dennee, Federal crop statistician stationed at Baltimore. The proportion of the 1924 crop which is merchantable is about 51 per cent, compared with 79 per cent of the 1923 crop and 86 per cent of the 1922 crop. Farm price on February 15 was $1.33 per bushel against 90 cts. on February 15, 1924 and 80 cts. on February 15, 1923. About 13 per cent will be shipped out of the counties where grown, says the statistician.

Planting corn was hindered by excessive rainfall during early spring resulting in a smaller acreage than in 1923. And droughty weather during the summer together with early frosts in the fall further hampered this crop, resulting in much soft corn. Productio in 1924 was estimated at 7,000,000 bushels below 1923 crop.

Wheat on farms March 1, 1925 totaled about 1,109,000 bushels or 13 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 2,074,000 bushels or 18 per cent of the 1923 crop and March 1, 1923 stocks of 1,717,000 bushels or 18 per cent of the 1922 crop. About 61 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 60 per cent of the 1923 crop. The farm price of wheat on February 15 was $1.91 per bushel against $1.09 on February 15, 1924, and $1.22 on February 15, 1923.

Hay on farms March 1, 1925 was about 283,000 tons or 38 per cent of the 1924 crop, compared with March 1, 1924 stocks of 119,000 tons. About 24 per cent of the crop will be shipped out of the counties where grown, compared with 13 per cent of the 1923 crop. or 22 per cent of the 1922 crop so shipped.

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