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The Meaning of Rosie's Visits

By ARCHEY C. NEW

CLANKETY-CLANK, clank, clank! The mighty windlass chains clanked their loud greeting as the ferry slipped into its exact groove at Ellis island, then Mike Gegan—better known as the Fat Slob—straightened up, and out, and, wiping his wet and flabby cheeks on a grimy sleeve, thrust his bulk of authority in the path of the outrushing passengers.

"Hey, there, you!" he yelled, as a radiantly-alive and bareheaded girl slipped around him to the rim of the deck. "Watcha tryin' t' do—c'mit suicide?"

Two flashing black eyes and the end of a shapely upturned nose faced him impudently.

"Not a chance," came the quick retort, in a mellow contralto. "With a lot o' good laughs like you around," she taunted him.

"What's yer graft, anyways, kid," he demanded insolently, as she turned on him the full fire of her hot, angry eyes. Ignoring her resisting hand, he thrust aside the cover of the basket on her arm, then whistled. "Oh, peddlin' fruit agen, eh? Business good, kid?"

She stamped her foot in a rage.

"Lemme alone," she demanded, eyes like live coals. "I'm not sellin' 'em."

"B'gosh an' ye must be carryin' yer lunch. Yer not givin' 'em away to the immygrants."

"I am so," she insisted, "I always give 'em away. Honest."

Mike stared at her incredulously. Her father, an Italian fruit vender, was considered wealthy along the docks where, ten years before, he stepped ashore with the same pretty Rosie, then a gawky child of twelve, and but two English words on his tongue, "'Merica" and "dollar." Ten years had made little change, except financially, in old Bucceri, but had, through tedious but sure schooling, startlingly Americanized Rosie.

Watcha givin' me?" he snorted.

"Nothin'," she snapped back, "but this whole basketful goes t' th' poor fish over there," pointing to the detention house. She knew Mike Gegan and was surprised at the change in his usual boisterous good humor. "What's th' matter, Mike?"

"Nothin' ye can help," gruffly.

"Please—tell me."

"I jes' told ye," he growled, then he blurted out: "See that mob over there. Me cousin's in that bunch, an' he'll be going back t' County Belfast, so he will." Rosie was now eyeing him fixedly. "Got a fool notion he cud play th' violin. 'At's all he has got—a squeaky fiddle, a fool notion he kin make a hit here, an' about ten cents in Republican money. So they won't let him come in. Shame, too! A foine lad, Tim Shane. Gave up a good job in th' city t' help his ould mother 'tind t' th' pigs, nursed her through eight years' sickness, an' raised three little sisters till some aunt tuk 'em away, an' all his money in th' clothes on their backs. An' they let in some o' these Bullsheviks—"

"If he's so fine," demanded Rosie, "why don't you help 'im t' get in?"

"I wud, but with what, I'm askin' ye?" snorted Mike. "A ferryhand's wages?" He darted a look, almost of contempt, at the oranges in her basket. "Little good them oranges will do the likes o' Tim. An' say, I'll bet yer ould man wouldn't be lettin' ye bring them over here if he knew it."

"In America," came Rosie's proud retort, over her shoulder, as she darted toward the detention house, "a girl has some say."

Mike Gegan had three causes of wonder that day and the next two. The first was Rosie's remark on her return trip from the island as she drifted abstractedly past him with an empty basket. "Fine fella, Tim," she confided, dreamy-eyed, "and, oh, how he can play."

The next day Mike wondered again as Rosie, strangely silent, carried to the island another full basket of oranges—and some cigarettes in her hand. And she repeated this on the third day.

And for the third time Mike wondered, as a few hours later that day, Tony Bucceri, accompanied by an official, stepped off the ferry to the island. Mike overheard his excited tones.

"What I care for da mon? Rosie say 'sure.' She knows. Dass enough."

Two hours later Mike stared in amazement as Rosie Bucceri, a violin case on one arm and with the other and two flashing eyes glued tightly on one Timothy Shane, who returned her impassioned gaze with compound interest, stepped aboard the ferry, followed meekly by Tony, bearing a foreign-looking bag.

"What's it mean?" demanded the amazed Mike, as he confronted the strange group.

"It means—he's an American now—or will be," volunteered Rosie, happily. "I know he'll love it. I hope he'll love—us, too." And the rose tint of her cheeks brightened to a deep red.

"It mean," grunted Tony contentedly, "it mean maybe she'll stay home more now. I'll save lots o' da fruit."

And Tim, too moved for words, answered with a face divided between the marvels of the strange new skyline and Rosie.

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BY ARTHUR BRISBANE

WOULD END STRIKES.
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THE FEMININE MIND.
SENATE AND SUGAR.

Britain's labor government seeks a way to "end strikes and lockouts."

In the recent cotton strike workers lost $5,000,000 a week in wages. Mills lost $7,000,000 a week in export trade, and must fight to get it back.

Arbitration is the only way. If the labor government can find arbitrators that both sides will trust, persuade employers to play fair and union men to keep bargains when they find they don't like them, it will render inestimable service to Great Britian and teach this country something it needs to learn.

Another war has broken out, following wholesale murders in Palestine. Jews and Arabs are boycotting eaih other in business. The Anglo-Palestine bank refuses bills of credit to Arabs. The latter boycott the Rutenberg Electricity Company and the Jewish bank.

Christians are as much interested as Jews in the outbreak once a religious war starts, the Mohammedan fanatic enjoys equally the murder of a Christian or a Jew. If anything, the Arabs might favor the Jews, to whom they are racially related. From the Jewish religion Mohammed borrowed much for his Koran.

It has been said that the Koran was written by an educated Jew for Mohammed, who probably could not write, although he certainly could fight.

The senate is discussing tariff. One hundred and twenty million Americans who eat sugar, beet sugar men, Louisiana sugar men, sugar growers of the whole world, are interested in sugar A high sugar tariff really means protection, a national subsidy of many millions, for employers of Asiatic labor in Hawaii and the Philippines.

Sugar comes duty free from those places, belonging to Uncle Sam; Asiatics do the work. Their employers get the profit. Not much of it will go to sugar growers on this continent.

Our friend Cuba, good customer and neighbor, would be ruined by a high tariff, if anything could ruin so plucky a people.

Johnny Goodman, twenty-year-old golfer from Omaha, put Bobby Jones, king of golf, out of the amateur championship. Verily, "He hath put down the mighty."

Young Mr. Goodman represents a part of the country that has staying power, and you will hear more of him.

The International Congress of Psychology learns that married life brings the male mind closer to the feminine mind. Investigation of "sex differences primarily non-intellectual," said Doctor Erman, shows that married life weakens "mental masculinity."

Naturally and fortunately, men were once all cannibals, all murderers, all thieves. To meet a stranger was to kill him or run so that he would not kill you. Women had to change that gradually, in their husbands and in their little boys also. They have done it partly. Much work remains for the feminine mind.

Finance is a mystery, understood least by the man who thinks he understands it.

Britain lent millions to France, and France now is drawing gold from London, worrying the Bank of England.

The French lend money on call at 2 1-3 per cent, while complaining of poverty caused by the war. This richest country in the world lends call money at from 9 to 20 per cent. A French business man can borrow money on time loans for 3 1-2 per cent. American business men pay 6 to 8 per cent.

Today the stock gamblers and investors probably will start again cheerfully. August was a great month. Two hundred and forty representative stocks increased in value by four thousand, four hundred and sixty-five million dollars.

Colonel Lindbergh says a flyer must have some inagination to get him out of trouble—not too much imagination, which might distract hhim from his flying. And the first-class flyer must not know what fear is.

Lieutenant Doolittle possesses the necessary requirements. While showing what an airplane could do, above the Cleveland airport, he stripped the wings from his plane and jumped at 2,000 feet with his parachute. He immediately asked for a new plane and went up to compete in "upsidedown" stunts.

Mussolini is delighted with his new baby, Anna Maria. Well he may be if he wants his power handed on to future generations. The father's qualities are inherited by the daughter, as shown by Galton's studies in heredity. What an interesting life that little baby will have, and what a tragic life she may have.

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