HENRY'S HOME COMING PERFECT

THE Ladies' Aid society of the Middleton Methodist church was in a high state of excitement.

They had appointed themselves the committee to arrange for the dinner on the occasion of Henry Brewster's visit to his home town on Thursday—Henry Brewster, president of the M., L. & M. railroad, the Henry Brewster they had known as a boy, born and brought up in Middleton, but who had left there twenty-five years ago to seek his fortune. The townspeople of Middleton still claimed him for their own and had followed his brilliant career faithfully. They had named the park down by the depot Brewster park, for had not Henry Brewster's railroad brought Middleton out of the shadows? And now he was coming home—just for a few hours, it is true, but nevertheless, Middleton was preparing to receive her illustrious son!

The good ladies of the "Aid" were assembled in the Sunday school room.

"Of course—soup and chicken," said Mrs. Ezra Miller, president of the "Aid," and ten voices echoed, "soup and chicken."

"William says they have new fancy olives down at the store and we can send to Davisburg for hearts of celery, also salted almonds. I'll bring over my currant jelly and sweet cucumber pickles," volunteered Mrs. Annie Smithers, "and I'll make the salad dressing for the cabbage salad."

"Mashed potatoes, gravy . . . and maybe some scalloped potatoes . . . more tasty, don't you think? 'n' squash, hot biscuit, some clover honey, maybe. I remember Henry was fond of it as a boy . . ."

"Mince pie 'n' pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee . . ."

Libbie Adams, Middleton's "old maid," bent her head over her sewing. Libbie was one of the "Aid's" most active members, but today she had remained silent.

"Seems you should take a little interest in Henry's coming," spoke up Mrs. Adams. "You used to be such good friends, sweethearts almost, raised together as you were, Libbie."

"You haven't left me much to say," replied Libbie dryly. "Dinner all planned, banners and town hall—parade—speeches—I haven't had much to say in planning for Henry."

"Well, you might say the plans are satisfactory. It's no small matter, an affair like this, especially for a big man like Henry."

"That's just it. If I had anything to say about it, I would make it a home affair. A good dinner right down in this dining room of the church he attended as a boy, forget all the fuss and feathers. I'm in favor of letting Henry forget he is a rich man, the president of the railroad, a personage. I'd do away with the speeches and banners and fussing; just remind him he is home again among old friends, and forget the chicken and hearts of celery and fancy olives."

"What! Not have chicken?"

"Oh, have it your own way, folks, but I knew Henry Brewster better than all the rest of you. We both lived with my Aunt Minnie for eleven years after his folks died. Don't change your plans. He will appreciate it—"

"But not have—chicken," repeated Mrs. Miller incredulously.

"Henry probably eats chicken every day of his life. Chicken isn't a treat for city folks. But as I said, just go on . . ."

"But what could we have—if not chicken?"

Libbie continued to sew, and there was silence for a moment.

"'Pears like maybe Libbie is right," spoke up timid little Mrs. Potter. "I presume he does have chicken at all those banquets and such. But I can remember when he used to come here to the church socials—how he would eat! 'Pears like Libbie may be right."

The "Aid" turned to Libbie expectantly. "Well, suppose you tell us what you have in mind, Libbie," said Mrs. Adams briskly and a trifle sourly Mrs. Adams was not accustomed to having her plans questioned. "We haven't much time. Here it is Monday and Henry coming Thursday."

Libbie Adams folded her sewing and placed it carefully in her bag. She placed her thimble in its case and wound up a spool of thread. Then she spoke:

"I didn't mean to have you change your plans, folks, but you asked me 'n' I told you. Now, if you will let me take over the dinner for Henry. I'll do it. I'll get everything ready, do the buying and all that and you can settle afterward, but Henry's dinner—won't be—expensive. I am going to give him what he used to say was 'the best meal under the sun and moon.' I can just hear him say it."

As they were about to disband, Libbie added:

"You folks come down here about eleven and see that the table is all right and fix the flowers and all that. I am glad it is fall so we can have asters. Henry used to be so fond of asters and had a bed of them right alongside of the path to the barn."

One by one the ladies of the "Aid" came down the stairs of the church that Thursday morning, sniffed stopped, sniffed again, advanced another step, stopped and stood still. And then in a chorus, a despairing chorus, they spoke just two words: "Sauer kraut!"

Libbie Adams was bending over the stove, her face flushed prettily with the heat. Six juicy elderberry pies, steaming hot, were lined up on the table. She laughed at the dismayed faces before her. Then she bent over and opened the oven door. Two great baking pails, the largest to be found in Middleton, held Henry Brewster's dinner. Sauerkraut and spareribs!

"I'm mixing up the dumplings now," she informed them. "The biscuits are in the oven and the coffee is ready. Will you put the cream on the table—and the flowers? It is train time now and the men have gone to meet Henry. Well! What's the matter. You look scared to death!"

The president of the M., L. & M. railroad laughed like a boy as he came down the stairs into the basement dining room of the church.

"By George! It takes me back to the days when I was a kid. Never ate such good things in my life as we had down here at those church suppers." He stopped short. "What—do—I—smell? Not sauerkraut! Don't tell me—sauerkraut—I can never stand the disappointment if it happens—to—be chicken! Not sauerkraut—honest? By George!"

He sat at the head of the table surrounded by his old friends. His face was radiant. The minister asked grace and out in the hot kitchen Libbie Adams bent her head, her hands pressed tight to her breast. Then she and Mrs. Miller picked up the great steaming platters and entered the dining room. Henry Brewster looked up, pushed back his chair, and rose to his feet. He took the platter from Libbie's hands, deposited it carefully on the table, and then turned and held both her hands in his.

"Libbie, my old friend—my chum . . . you make this homecoming perfect! I have been thinking about you all these years . . . have wanted to come back . . . and now I am—home. Those years have been kind to you, Libbie . . . and we will talk about the ones to come after we have had dinner . . . and there is room right here by me—for you."

An hour later he pushed back his pie plate and leaned back contentedly in his chair.

"The homecoming—perfect! Home town . . . home folks . . . best meal under the sun and moon . . . sauerkraut and elderberry pie . . . and Libbie Adams right here beside me again . . ."

Good Health Maxims Found in Gypsy Lore

A codification of the rules of health, so modern in its spirit that it would appear to have been prepared by present-day scientists, has been found in gypsy lore more than 2,500 years old. The American Magazine, publishing these gypsy health rules for the first time in English, recommends them to the consideration of all who seek physical normalcy.

The gypsy health doctrine is based on the fundamental theory that there is no more dangerous sickness than sadness. As a matter of fact, the gypsy language has no word for "sick." Instead of saying, "He is sick unto death," the gypsy says, "He is sad unto death."

In the gypsy code, happiness means health. A modern scientist, commenting on this ancient health rule, says: "It is only recently that science has discovered that the gastric juices are influenced by the mental condition of the individual, and that food wetted with tears is like poison to the body; that the quality of the food is not half so important as the mental condition of the eater. The gypsy, it appears, has known this for thousands of years."

Investigators for the magazine, studying the gypsy application of these health rules, report: "It is a well-known fact that gypsies eat foods that would kill any white man, yet when a gypsy is not hungry he cannot be made to eat even a morsel. The gypsy wonders that we can eat when we are not hungry, or drink when we are not thirsty; he wonders that we can remain alive after doing so."

One of the gypsy health rules says: "The poison is not in the food; it is in the mouth of the eater."

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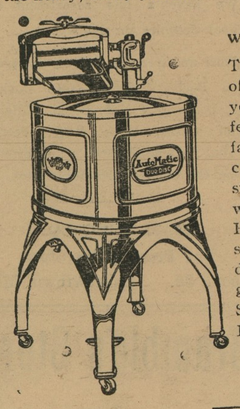

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ORDER NISI

Thomas H. Skipper, Attorney for Collection
versus
Robert Graves, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2411.

Ordered, this 1st day of November, 1929, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the mortgaged Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Thomas H. Skipper, Attorney, under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in mortgage from Robert Graves, et al, to R. Groome Parks, dated December 7th, 1912, and duly assigned to Thomas H. Skipper, Attorney, for collection, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27th day of December next; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 9th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $300.00.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
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Herbert E. Perkins, Attorney.
ORDER NISI

Clarence Newsome, Treasurer of Kent County, Maryland
vs.
Charles Liles

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
No. 2 Petitions
January Term 1930.

Ordered, this 4th day of November 1929, that the sale made and reported by Clarence Newsome, Treasurer of Kent County in the year 1928, of the real estate described in the aforegoing Report of Sale and assessed to Charles Liles for taxes for the year 1927, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 20th day of January 1930, provided a copy of this order be insterted as an advertisment in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County once a week for each of four successive weeks before the 9th day of December 1929.

LEWIN W. WICKES.
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ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk
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S. Scott Beck, Attorney.
ORDER NISI

In the Matter of the Trust Estate of Robert A. Kennedy and May J. Kennedy, his wife

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2590

Ordered, this 6th day of November 1929, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by S. Scott Beck, Trustee, under and by virtue of the authority contained in order of Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, dated October 4, 1929, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of January next; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 9th day of December next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $1.00.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate of

ANGELINE S. SKIRVEN,
late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of May, 1930, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's estate.

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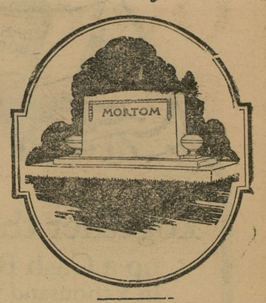

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