

Woman's World

Just Life

A short story by Margaret Black

I don't know that we are any different from most people you meet in life. I was quite young when I met Jonas and we had only known each other two weeks when we were married. Quick as a flash, I guess, you think, but I was always foolish and quick to do anything I wanted to do very fast, and as I fell in love at sight with Jonas and he with me, we neither could see the sense of waiting from ten to fifteen years to get better acquainted. Con- trary to most folks' predictions that we would not be married two months before we separated, we lived in paradise for three years, and then blissful and happy as we were, and then, without warning, he was ours, the baby came. He was Jonas in miniature and we were supremely happy.

When "Baby" was five months old, he was taken sick suddenly, and in spite of doctors and nurses he left us; and after that things just would not go right.

Jonas got tired of my moaning and, as I never a cherry word, and sought amusement elsewhere, and we finally ended our compact in the divorce court.

Having neither kin nor kin to care what became of me, I left the city and took up life far away. I still loved Jonas and the thought of some one taking my place was too much for me.

Then came the war, and I threw myself into the work with a determination to forget, and meeting with success, I was sent to France to do canteen work. I pre- judice in American quarters was too much for me and I left and joined the French forces where I worked successfully until the end of the war.

Being suddenly released from duty, I determined to see more of France before sailing for home, and with a party of friends we went just drifting from one place to another. As we traveled it seemed to be all alike wherever there had been fighting, nothing but ruins and desolation, so ter- rible and unspeakable.

At last I got to Rheims, and as I walked and looked, I shuddered and wondered, there was nothing I could do but wonder. I never wanted to cry so badly in my life, it seemed as dreary and hopeless as my future seemed to me. Stand- ing utterly alone among the ruins of the great cathedral, I leaned against a broken pillar and buried my face in my hands, I could stand it no longer it was destruc- tion in all its horror as far as the eye could see.

Suddenly I was startled by a touch on my arm. I glanced up and there before my startled gaze was Jonas. I was speechless.

"The world is small after all isn't it, Alice dear? I've been there hell, and have come back to you unscathed. I've won all sorts of honors and am very proud of my badges of honor, but I will be proud of all to call you my wife once more."

"The war has given me a broader view of life dear and what life means, and there has never been any one but you Alice. What do you say, dear, will we start all over again?"

"I've worked like a Trojan Jon- as, and thru it all, has been my hope that I would meet you, and be worthy of you, and that I would see you and you would want me again. All I want Jonas is you, just once more. Take me in your arms dear and let me feel that I have reached home again. Hereafter we'll build anew and on a safer foundation, and time will gradually efface it all."

And as he held her in his arms they didn't see the ruins and the terrible destruction, only the beauty that would gradually efface it all.

Recipes

ESCALLOPED PORK

Made from left over roast of pork. Take a cupful of cold roast pork cut in small pieces, and mix with a heaping tablespoonful of onion chopped fine and one cupful of bread crumbs. Corn bread is very good for this. If wanted extra nice add one hard boiled egg cut in small pieces. Put in a baking dish and pour over sauce made by mixing two cups of milk and a teaspoonful of flour until there is enough for a cupful. If you have no gravy left, add milk and flour with a tablespoonful of melted drippings. Season with salt and pepper. Put a layer of crumbs on top and bake a light brown.

BAKED APPLES

Pure and core and then place in muffin pans and add two table- spoonfuls of syrup, and two spoon- fuls of water, and quarter tea- spoonful of nutmeg. Bake in a moderate oven until the apples are tender and then cool. To serve: Lift the apple into a small platter and cover with fruit meringue and then sprinkle with cocoanut.

To Make Meringue. One-half glass of apple jelly, white of one egg. Beat with Dover-egg-beater until the mixture will hold its shape.

APPLE CUSTARDS

Two cupfuls of thick apple sauce, yolk of one egg, three quarters cupful of sugar, one half teaspoonful of nutmeg. Mix thor- oughly, beating with an egg bea- ter. Pour into custard cups and then place in a pan of water and bake for twenty minutes. While baking place the white of one egg and one half glass of jelly in a bowl and beat with a Dover egg beater until the mixture is well beaten and will hold its shape. Pile on top of custard in cups and set to cool.

TO WEIGH YOUR BABY

Buy a ten cent wire dish drainer and attach it to your scales by fastening it with heavy cord, place a soft pad in it and it is ready for use. This does not spoil your scales for other weigh- ing purposes as the pad is easily removed and the cord untied, and both scales and drainer are ready for any other use that you wish it for, and baby can be weighed every day if you wish.

PEACE CARNIVAL

NETS BIG SUM

The first "Over the Top Peace Car- nival and Victory Parade" was held at Trinity M. E. Church Friday, February 21, 1919. \$1,090.64 was raised.

Trinity Church was crowded Friday to witness the first Peace Con- ference and Victory Parade held in Baltimore, originated and directed by Mrs. Maria Thompson, the efficient president of the M. L. Gaines Sun- shine Circle. All the national of- ficers and their delegates, and in their most gorgeous costumes, were present.

The peace angels were represented by Mrs. George Bell, Mrs. George Hicks and Miss Mary Hall.

The carnival was opened by Sec- retary General of Camp Holton, who opened the conference and ex- pressed his sincere hope for a suc- cessful conference and the black man's restoration after the war. Col. am Mrs. House were represented by Dr. Brass and Mrs. Sarah Laylis. Dr. Brass made an impressive plea for universal peace, which alone would come through imbibing the principles of Christ's teachings. Rev. Howard Washington spoke of England, which was represented by Mrs. Mary J.



MRS. ARIE HAWKINS

Who raised \$70 in the Peace Carnival

Fisher, Mrs. Frances Madden, Miss Martha Boston, Mrs. Rachel Pendle- ton, treasurer; Miss Martha Boozie, reporter; Mr. W. L. Wilson, organist. Prominent among those present was Mrs. Mary E. Hamby.

Lawyer George L. Pendleton pre- sented the second prize to Mr. George V. V. One soldier sang a solo "My Mother's Prayer" in honor of the fol- lowing countries and the amounts raised:

America, Mrs. Martha Thompson	\$361.82
France, Mrs. Magale Tucker	227.17
England, Mrs. Mary J. Brown	218.81
Italy, Mrs. E. Hawkins	70.00
Denmark, Mrs. Ellen Johnson	32.40
Spain, Mrs. Annie Scott	28.00
Japan, Miss Bertha Dorsey	27.00
Belgium, Mrs. Amanda Norton	21.50
Perth, Mrs. Lydia Jarvis	20.00
Africa, Miss Lottie Smith	11.00
Syria, Mrs. Ida Shipley	5.50
Total	\$1,090.64

A SUCCESSFUL PASTOR

Mrs. Martha Thompson.

Who married the "Over the Top Peace Carnival and Victory Parade" at Trinity M. E. Church and who raised \$661.82.

Brown, who eloquently explained the League of Nations. Mrs. M. L. Gaines spoke in behalf of France which was represented by Mrs. Mag- ale Tucker. Miss Ida R. Cummings spoke for Africa, which was repre- sented by Miss Lottie Smith. She made a great plea for Africa in this reconstruction of the world's policy.

Mrs. Bertha Boozie reported the largest amount of any delegate, and won a beautiful gold ring, after which the Red Cross was represented by Miss Lottie Jones, followed with a song "The Rose of No Man's Land."

The pastor, Rev. S. M. Johnson, who is one of the best pulpit orators and pastors is now rounding up his life and has accomplished great things at Trinity.

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