

# April in Gib.



Meeting in Gibraltar . . April, her mother and Arthur Corbett at the airport.

## ARTHUR MEETS MOTHER

By NOYES THOMAS

Marbella, Spain, Sat.  
**J**UST two weeks after discovering that her son, a former Merchant Navy seaman, has turned into a beautiful woman, Mrs. Ada Jamieson is here as a guest of the peer's son for new daughter hopes to marry.

I flew from London to Gibraltar with frail, bewildered little Mrs. Jamieson, a 53-year-old cook from Cheetham, Manchester. Her sex-changed daughter, April Ashley, in a mink stole, came with us.

The prospective husband, the Hon. Arthur Corbett, 42-year-old son and heir of Lord Rowallan, Governor-General of Tasmania, was waiting at the airport to meet us.

As photographers milled round, there was an affectionate reunion and an intro-

Then, after a three-hour talk on the terrace of Gibraltar's Rock Hotel, April flew back to London. And Mrs. Jamieson, Arthur Corbett and I set out on the 80-minute drive along the Mediterranean shore to this luxurious beach resort.

Mrs. Jamieson moved into

## MY STRANGE LIFE

By April Ashley

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a suite of rooms reserved for her by Mr. Corbett at a luxury hotel on the sea front. Then she strolled down the street to the plushy, Jacaranda night club which he runs.

Hour after hour, with an orchestra playing softly in the background, she stayed talking with Mr. Corbett until nearly four o'clock this morning.

Tonight, sitting on the club's patia beneath, flowering bougainvilles, hibiscus and jacaranda, with the blue Mediterranean lapping the nearby shore, Mrs. Jamieson said: "It's all out of this world to me. It's fabulous. I never thought I'd ever see anything like this."

"Arthur, I find, is a simply wonderful person. He thinks the world of my lovely April. All my worries and tension have gone now."

Said Arthur Corbett: "I'm absolutely delighted to have April's mother with me. Now I'm looking forward to April's younger sister (Mrs. Marjorie Thomas, of Swansea) coming here with her three-year-old son Lee next month."

### Apartment

Mrs. Jamieson hopes to stay here several weeks. Mr. Corbett, who also runs an estate agency, is seeking an apartment for her.

"Just a little place in the sun—that's all I want," she says. "I think I deserve it."

Mrs. Jamieson doubts whether she will ever return to her home in Cheetham.

"Where I live," she says in her round North Country accent, "it's just like Coronation-street. Everyone knows everyone else's business. I don't think I could bear it now. People might not understand."