



LIFE SKETCHES

By W.E. Hill—An Artist Who Senses Spirit Of The Day



The party wire. You'd be surprised how many secrets leak out in East Turtleville. For instance, when Miss Pecan, the school teacher, phoned Johnny Horton's mamma, in strictest privacy, all about how Johnny said "Damn" right out before the principal; it was all over town before night. Some there are who say Miss Pecan should never have told Johnny's mamma over a party wire.



Of course Edna's engagement to Joe is a dead secret. No one would ever dream that they were in love with each other when Joe looks long and earnestly at Edna. Any one with half an eye can see that they're just good friends!

SECRET STUFF

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The most terrible person to approach with a secret is the lady who knows it all the time and says, "I really don't think we ought to discuss it."



Secret stuff with a vengeance. Marbury is entering the sacred portals of a secret society—the Goopha Gamma Oof, to be exact,—and this is just one of many initiation rites which will prove to the brothers of Goopha Gamma Oof, whether or no Marbury has the makings of a loyal fraternity man.



"I think I'll give her C-O-D L-I-V-E-R O-I-L," spells Harriet's mamma, that being one way of keeping a secret from Harriet. Something in the air tells Harriet they are not telling about Santa Claus, or chocolate cake!



Terrible moment when the man who confided a business secret to the little wife hears her telling a caller all about it. "I shouldn't think you'd mind in the least Mrs. Bentley's knowing how much you made in the last six months!" will be the little wife's comeback before the tears begin to fall.



"She told me in the strictest confidence, but I feel sure she'd want you to know about it!" A secret is a secret until two or three are gathered together, and then the strain is too great. Mrs. Matt's Powers is telling verbatim, with maybe just a few little extra touches, the minister's wife's version of the latest parish scandal, for the benefit of two chosen members of the Ladies' Aid.



The secretive nature. Harry's family have an awful time keeping tabs on his goings and comings. Harry's motto where the members of his family are concerned seems to be "Secrecy first." He never tells them anything. Consequently Harry's mamma suspects the worst at all times.



Viola is on the verge of going home to her mama. She would, too, if it wasn't that Libby and May Etta have been advising her strongly to do so. Libby and May Etta have got up a secret club, and Viola is on the outside looking in. The foundation of the club rests on the fact that May Etta has eleven cents to spend at the drug store candy counter.