REVELATIONS OF A WIFE The Story of a Honeymoon

A Wonderful Romance of Married Life Wonderfully Told by ADELE GARRISON

CHAPTER CCLXXXI

HOW THE STRANGER ACTED WHEN MADGE TOLD HIM HER MAIDEN NAME.

"Mother, may I present Mr. Gordon? My wife, Mr. Gordon."

Dicky's manner was nervous, preoccupied as he spoke. His mother's ment at being obliged to meet the man upon whose steady staring at me she had so acidly commented a to say anything, and, besides the few minutes before.

For my own part I was so upset that I felt actually ill, as the eyes of the persistent stranger met mine. How had this man, who had so terrified me by his persistent pursit and scrutiny, managed to obtain an introduction to Dicky?

Dicky made a place for the man near me, and signalled the waiter. "I know you have dined," he said courteously, "but you'll at least have coffee and a cordial with us, will you not?"

"Thank you," Mr. Gordon said in a deep rich voice, "I have not yet had coffee. If you will be so kind. I should like an apricot brandy instead of a cordial."

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the waiter, and we all sat back in

I, for one, felt as though I were a ing episode. For the few minutes while we waited for our coffee. conversation. His mother, with her lips pressed together in a tight, thin face showed very plainly her resent- line, evidently had resolved to take no part in any conversation with the stranger. I was really too terrified

briefest of assents to Dicky's observations, the stranger said nothing. With the coming of the coffee, however, there occurred a little incident that intensified the vague terror I felt of Mr. Gordon.

When the coffee and the tiny glass of cordial were set before him, Mr. Gordon said something in an undertone to the waiter, who bowed. slipped away and came back with a curiously shaped spoon with tiny prongs underneath it, which fitted over the top of Mr. Gordon's demi-

"One or two?" the man asked deferentially with hand outstretched toword the sugar tongs.

Dicky gave the necessary order to up the tongs himself and placed two and a little blue flame, heavy with

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> cubes of sugar in the curiously shaped spoon. Then he carefully poured a portion of the tiny glass of brandy over the sugar and held out his hand for a lighted water, which the well-trained waiter, seeing what he wished, had ready for him at precisely the right moment.

A Dilettante's Hand.

As the blazing match touched the Mr. Gordon waved him aside, took soaked sugar, the alcohol caught fire,

the aroma of burning brandy arose. Mr. Gordon bent over the coffee as solicitously as if he were a devotee tending the shrine. When the flame sank he added more drops of brandy until the tiny glass was empty.

When the last blue flame had died he stirred a portion of the sugar into his coffee and sipped the beverage with the enjoyment of a sybarite. I have seen people burn brandy

over their demitasses many times. but there was something about the way Mr. Gordon did it, something in the appearance of his long, slender, white hands, the hands of a dilettante, that thrilled me with a sensation of terror.

For the conviction was borne in upon me that somewhere, somehow I had seen this man bend over his coffee in the same manner before.

I told myself that the idea was the most preposterous, for I was sure that never in my life before the morning at the Sydenham hotel had I ever seen Mr. Gordon. But the convictions persisted in overweighing my reason and my common sense. Those long, slender, nervous, white hands were as familiar to me as were

There was something about the man's whole personality that both attracted and repelled me. With one breath I felt that I had a curious sense of liking and admiration for him and was proud of the interest in me which he had taken no pains to conceal. The net moment a real terror and dislike of him swept over me.

I waited with beating heart for him to finish his coffee. It seemed to me that I could hardly wait for him to speak. For I had a psychic presentment that before he left the table he would make known to us the reason of his rude pursuit of me.

His first words confirmed my im-"I am afraid, Mrs. Graham," he said courteously, turning to me, as he finished his coffee, "that I have

startled and alarmed you by my endeavor to ascertain your identity." I did not answer him. I did not wish to tell him that I, had been frightened; neither could I truthfully deny his assertion. And I wished that I had not evaded my mother-inlaw's query concerning him.

He did not appear to heed my silence, however, but went on rapidly:

May I Ask?"

"It is a very simple matter after all," he said. "You see, you resemble so closely a very dear friend of my youth; in fact, the dearest I ever had, that when I caught sight of you the other day in the reception

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room of the Sydenham, it seemed as if her very self stood before me." There was a vibrating, haunting note in his voice that told me better than words that, whoever this woman of his youth might have been, her memory was something far more to him than of a mere friend.

"I could not rest until I had found out your identity, and secured an introduction to you," he went on. "You will not be offended if I ask you one or two rather personal questions, will

"Indeed, no," I returned mechan-

Mr. Gordon hesitated. His suave self-possession seemed to have deserted him. He swallowed hard twice, and then asked nervously: "May I ask your name before you were married, Mrs. Graham?"

"Margaret Spencer," I returned There was a cry of astonishment from Dicky. Mr. Gordon had reeled in his chair as if he were about to faint, then, with closed eyes and

white lips, he sat motionless, grip-

ping the table as if for support.

(To be continued) Two Opinions Handed Down Before Trip to Pendleton

Holding that the case was tried and the jury instructed upon a WE DO theory not justified by the pleadings, the supreme court yesterday, in an opinion written by Justice Benson, REPAIRING reversed Judge Gantenbein of the circuit court for Multnomah county in the case of Multnomah county, for the use of R. L. Ray, against the Standard American Dredging company et al, appellants. The case is remanded for a new trial, the court holding that the defendants are not entitled to a judgment of non-suit.

The plaintiff alleged misrepresentation of fact on the part of defendants relative to a contract covering concrete work and sought judgment of \$15,306.56.

The supreme court affirmed Judge G. G. Bingham of the lower court for Linn county in the action of Mary Jacobs against John Jacobs, appellant. The case was a controversy over the income from lands following a divorce decree granted to Mrs.

While yesterday was not decision day in the supreme court the two opinions, were handed down more nearly to clear the desks of the justices prior to going to Pendleton for the eastern Oregon term which opens next Monday.

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