

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

The Story of a Honeymoon

A Wonderful Romance of Married Life Wonderfully Told by ADELE GARRISON

CHAPTER CCCVIII

WHY DID MADGE, AND DICKY STARE AT EACH OTHER, YET FEAR TO VOICE THEIR THOUGHTS?

Dicky's angry face matched his voice as he came upon the tableau of the unknown wanderer and myself inspecting the fine fish which I had caught. Both brought me quick-ly down from my child-like revel-ry in the catching of my first trout, and landed me with a thump in the familiar commonplace of Dicky's dis-

pleasure. As he shot the angry query at me: "What in thunder does this mean, Madge?"—the shabby, queer man at my side gave him one frightened glance, and then lifting his hat to me, hurriedly, but with an old-world grace, took two or three quick strides into the underbrush and disappeared. We could hear him crash-ing upward through the trees and brush that lined the bank, and I waited until his footsteps died away before I made answer to Dicky's question. "What does what mean?" I asked

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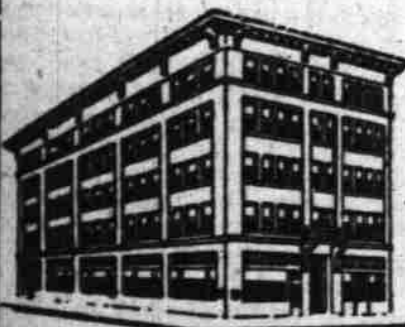
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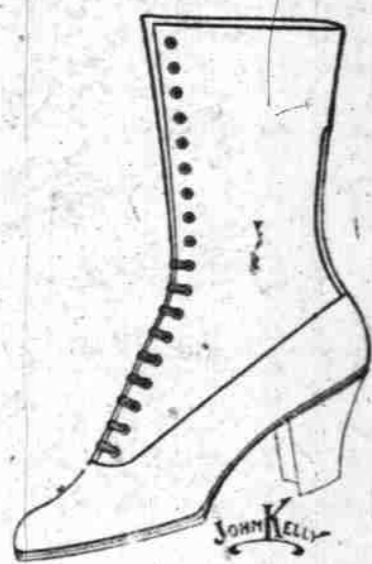
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at last, and made my tone as provokingly innocent as I could. I felt quite mistress of the situation, for I was morally certain that Dicky had not been successful in his little excursion up the brook, and that there were no fish in his creel. "Don't put on such an innocent air," Dicky growled. "I suppose you think this is the wilderness, and all conventions go by the board, but let me tell you it's a pretty civilized wilderness, and hobnobbing with a tramp over the catching of a trout isn't exactly the thing."

"Oh, I am sure he is not a tramp, Dicky," I protested with a pretense of ingenuousness which I knew would irritate him. I was sure that if I had seen the man as I had, had noticed his child-like demeanor, and the evidence of a slightly clouded mentality which I had glimpsed in his eyes he would not have been so annoyed at my talking to the stranger. But the cavalier way in which he had left me still rankled. I meant to tantalize Dicky a little longer, so with the most ingratiating smile I could manage I followed up my protest with a query: "Did you catch a trout, Dicky?"

"Risky Business Though." My liege lord opened his mouth to retort angrily. Then he caught my face brimming with merriment, and with one of the kaleidoscopic changes of mood which make Dicky so lovable, he grinned reluctantly and then laughed aloud. "I guess you have it on me, all right," he admitted. "Pon honor. I didn't really mean to leave you alone on your first trouting expedition. But the feel of a rod in my hands always makes me irresponsible. Jove! but this is a whopper you caught! Did you get him yourself?"

"Of course I did," I returned indignantly. "But I never would have done it if that man hadn't shown me how." "Where did he come from?" Dicky asked, then with a sudden thought: "This man had a brown beard. Was he the same fellow who frightened you so when you saw his face looking through the underbrush a little while ago?"

"Yes, he was," I returned, and then with the instinct to confide all my impressions and thoughts to Dicky which is always present with me, I added hastily: "But, Dicky, he is just like a child. I think he has been a gentleman, and there is or has been something wrong here." I touched my forehead. "But I would as soon think of being afraid of a kitten as of him."

"Risky business though," growled Dicky. I saw all the signs of a lecture concerning the danger I might have been in, and was glad of an interruption that came in the shape of someone running wildly through the underbrush.

We heard the sound of hurrying footsteps, and even as we turned to look, Fred Cosgrove, one of the twin boys at the farmhouse of mystery, where we were staying, burst into view.

He was breathing heavily, his face was dripping with perspiration, and his eyes were wild with fear. It was painful, though curious, to see his sudden attempt at nonchalance as he saw us.

Fred Asks Directions. "Did you have any luck?" he asked with a pitiful attempt at boyish jauntiness, his eyes roving restlessly from bank to bank of the stream as he spoke.

Dicky's eyes and mine met in a glance of bewilderment. "Mrs. Graham caught one," Dicky replied, "a big one, see," and he opened my creel into which he had transferred my trout from the landing net.

"Gee! that is a big one!" the boy returned, and then with an elaborate air of nonchalance. "You didn't happen to see a thin man with a brown beard going along this way, did you? He's an old neighbor of Pa's that came down this morning, and Pa forgot something awfully important he wanted to tell him. I've run all the way from home to try to catch him."

If I had allowed the unreasonable impulse that came to me I would have misdirected the boy as to the course the man had taken. I felt that my gentle, child-like mentor did not wish to be overtaken. But with a glimmer of common sense I let Dicky answer the boy.

"He went right up that bank just a few minutes ago," Dicky said, pointing in the direction the man had gone.

"Thank you," Fred replied, and hurried away.

Dicky stood looking after him, plainly puzzled.

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SILVERTON, Or., June 2.—(Special to The Statesman)—Active preparations have been made for the annual events scheduled for graduation week of the Silverton high school which began Sunday evening with baccalaureate services in the Christian church by Rev. George Henriksen. The class play will be held in the Palace theatre Tuesday, June 3. The play is entitled "The Spell of the Image."

NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Oregon State Highway Commission Proposals for a Garage and Warehouse at Salem Oregon

Sealed bids will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission at room 520 Multnomah county court house, Portland, Oregon, at 2 o'clock, p. m., June 10th, 1919, for the construction of two frame buildings: One 60 feet by 80 feet in size, 2 stories high; the other 70 feet by 80 feet, 1 story high. These structures will be located at the State Penitentiary brickyard just east of the city limits of Salem. No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond or certified check for an amount equal to five (5) per cent of the total amount bid. A satisfactory bond will also be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount bid. Proposal blanks and full information of the office of the state highway engineer, Capitol building, Salem. Plans and specifications and form of contract may be inspected at the same place or may be obtained upon deposit of \$5.00. Plans and specifications are also on file at room 1301 Yeon building. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal deemed best for the state of Oregon. —Oregon State Highway Commission, S. Benson, chairman, W. L. Thompson, commissioner, R. A. Booth, commissioner. Attest: Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer. Salem, Oregon, June 2, 1919.

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