

MY HEART AND MY HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase Of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 36

THE WAY MADGE'S PARTNER MANAGED TO PLACE THE EVENING'S PEACE IN DANGER.

I had no time to reflect upon the startling comment Alice Holcombe had made to me concerning Mrs. Stockbridge's sanity, for the doorbell pealed again, this time heralding the arrival of "the Bishops," with their friends, "the Bishops." Both were typical suburban couples, the husbands evidently prosperous business men, the wives slender, middle-aged women with a sort of preserved prettiness which they evidently spent much time in protecting.

Mrs. Stockbridge hastened forward to greet them, her husband reappeared from his self-imposed banishment, and all six went upstairs to the rooms where the wraps were laid. Alice Holcombe

turned to me, a mocking little smile on her lips. "There are only left to appear the cavaliers Milly has selected for herself and me," she said. "They're worth a careful inspection. Bess draws the village medals, a member of the village doesn't get to the war and who divides his time when with Bess between feasting and hoping that she will bedevil him. Mine, a widower of substance, is frankly afraid of my aging charms, and shies palpably whenever he sees me. But Milly has made up her mind that he would be a nice prop for my declining years, so she religiously pairs us off whenever she has a party."

Madge Looks Around.

Her voice, despite its mockery, held a tinge of bitterness, which I understood when later I was introduced to the pompous man whom Mrs. Stockbridge had imperiously assigned to Alice Holcombe, by far the cleverest woman in the room. His name as I caught it, was Donkers, and I could not help the thought that if the twenty-fifth letter of the alphabet had been substituted for the last two of his name it would have suited him far better.

A more self-satisfied, assertive man I have seldom met, and I could see that beneath the mocking mask behind which Alice Holcombe hid all feeling, she was annoyed and humiliated at the patent fear of being inveigled into

matrimony which the widower betrayed when he was with her. A dozen times during the evening I heard him refer to his "dear departed wife," as if he were invoking a protecting angel, and I also heard him make the assertion at least twice that "second marriages were most unwise."

Bess Dean "Warned."

Despite this sepulchral note the dinner really went off very well. Alice Holcombe is an unusually witty woman, Dicky and Bess Dean are both to be depended on to make dinner conversation sprightly, while Kenneth Stockbridge, whose spirits seemed to rise with his wife's absorption in Dicky's nonsense—kept the management of the conversation unobtrusively, but firmly in his own hands, throwing out little side remarks that managed to include the best of us "strangers," and keep the affair a general discussion instead of a series of monologues and dialogues as so many dinner conversations are apt to be.

If the dinner could only have ended the evening! But unfortunately a large number of guests had been invited to the reception following, and, of course, Dicky, the lion of the evening, could not be kept dancing attendance upon his hostess, palpable as was her attempt to keep him in just that position. Bess Dean, a flame of color in her gown of scarlet chiffon, with a single spicy carnation of the same shade stuck carefully but most effectively in her wonderful brown hair, made a second determined effort to secure Dicky's exclusive attention, but Alice Holcombe unobtrusively summoned him to one side, and I saw by the younger girl's face that the older woman was laying down the law in militant fashion.

"What's the real answer?" Miss Dean drawled a bit unpleasantly. Her voice, though low, reached me distinctly, as I had a shrewd suspicion she meant it to do. "Friend Husband to be tagged 'Hands Off'? Why didn't you warn me before?"

I found it hard to keep my facial muscles under control upon hearing the catty little speech, but I think the wary widower to whom I was talking had no suspicion of my emotion. Instead, thought I was giving most flattering attention to the solemn philosophy of life which he was expounding to me. But I strained my ears for Alice Holcombe's answer.

"You know better, Bess Dean," was the low, indignant reply. "Now you come here and listen to me."

The two moved to an alcove and the rest of their conversation

SENSATION IN PARIS.



Mlle. Heldia has the French stage-dancers clamoring to see her dance. It is said her art has reached such a state of perfection that she can stand in any position for any length of time without moving a muscle.

was inaudible. But Bess Dean kept away from Dicky's vicinity the rest of the evening.

Milly Stockbridge, however, waxed sulky when the demands upon Dicky's attention left her without his stimulating nonsense. I suspect also that Dicky had tired of the quasi-flirtatious investment which she had managed to give to their conversation, and was not unwilling to avoid her as much as he could consistently with the courtesy due his hostess. At any rate, both Alice Holcombe and I watched with rising anxiety the sombre light in Mrs. Stockbridge's black eyes, and the nervous rapid manner of her speech. And then, of all times in the world, my pompous friend chose this moment to summon Mr. Stockbridge.

"Oh, Stockbridge!" he called. "Please come here and convince Mrs. Graham she is wrong on this."

(To be continued)

BID ACCEPTED ON ROAD BONDS

Offer of Schneelock Syndicate Accepted by State Board of Control

The state board of control has accepted the bid of Ralph Schneelock of Portland on \$1,000,000 short term state highway bonds. The bid was \$978,850, and Schneelock represented a syndicate composed of Kissel Kinnicutt & Co., Eldredge & Co., Stacy & Braun, and Angle & Lond Paris National bank. The net interest yield will be 6.1 percent. The bonds run four years and are issued under an act of the 1921 legislature authorizing the board to issue short term bonds. Bids on the bonds were opened Saturday.

This issue brings the total issued in the state to meet federal aid to \$4,700,000. The amount available up to June 30 this year, is \$5,567,829.27 or \$4,332,178.27 for post roads and \$1,235,651 for forest roads.

Federal aid for post roads will cease June 30 this year, unless congress enacts further legislation. A bill is before the present congress, by Representative McArthur, providing for a continuation of federal aid. The bill introduced at the last session failed. The forest road appropriation authorized in 1916 will continue until 1926, under which Oregon receives \$127,000 a year of federal funds to be used on forest roads.

Bonds sold to date to meet federal aid are: in 1917 \$400,000; 1918 \$800,000; 1920 \$2,500,000 and the issue announced today, \$1,000,000, a total of \$4,700,000. All federal aid offered to Oregon has been matched and contracts obligating the entire amount have been made.

NURSE ELECTION MUCH IN DOUBT

Should Bill be Voted On County Election Would Be Necessary

Whether Marion county will maintain a county health nurse may come before the electorate at a special election to be held June 7. However, should it come up at that time it would necessitate a special county election called for that particular purpose, since there is no legal way for the question to be placed on the same ballot with the state measures to be voted on at that time. In calling the special election the state legislature specifically stated the issues to be voted on, barring all others.

According to County Judge Bushey there is no chance for such an election to be called unless petitions containing the number of names required by law are presented to the county court. Although the county has it within its power the authority to place the question of the maintenance of a county nurse upon the ballot, it hesitates to do so on the ground that it does not wish to add additional tax upon the people. Nevertheless, it was said, should petitions be received by the court showing that a great majority of the taxpayers desired the proposal to become an issue at a special election, the court would then and not till then call an election. It is thought the activity of the various clubs in the interest of a school nurse for Marion county may become such as to enable the question to come before the people.

Chase Chosen President Of Men's Organization

The Men's club of the First Congregational church was reorganized in the church parlors Monday night, the following officers being elected: Dr. Henry E. Chase, president; W. H. Bros, vice president; Mark McCallister, secretary; S. Phillips, treasurer. Following the meeting Mrs. W. C. Kantner served refreshments.

This club which was active before the war was disbanded during that period. Meetings will be held hereafter on every second Monday in the month. The object of the organization is to promote sociability among the men of the church, and to stimulate interest in church work generally.

The City Federation of Men's clubs will meet in the parlors of the Central Congregational church tonight, with the First Congregational church represented by the following delegates: William Fleming, S. Phillips and W. H. Bros.

Corn Products Company Will Operate in State

The Corn Products Sales company, a foreign corporation organized under the laws of New Jersey, was yesterday issued a permit by the state corporation commissioner to operate in Oregon. The capitalization of the company is \$100,000. E. M. Page of Salem is attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

Articles of incorporation were filed by the Investment & Loan company of Portland, capitalized at \$5000. The incorporators are R. C. Hubbard, H. E. Byrd and L. E. Crouch.

Resolutions showing an increase in capitalization from \$15,000 to \$25,000 were filed by the Equitable Savings & Loan association of Portland. Resolutions of dissolution were

filed by the Cornelius Cash store of Cornelius, Washington county.

George W. Weeks Joins Salem Broccoli Growers

Hon. George W. Weeks, Salem, route 8, phoned in to The Statesman yesterday afternoon that he wanted to be put down with the broccoli growers for an acre.

Mr. Weeks lives just in the northern suburb of Salem, down on the river bank, and he has some of the richest land in the county, and ought to be able to grow a bumper crop of broccoli. Mr. Weeks grows several varieties of fruit, and there are few men who have done more than he to develop diversified and intensified agriculture in the Salem district, from dairying to shipments of strawberry plants in car lots.

A number of men are still talking of growing broccoli who have not yet enrolled themselves. If they expect to be taken care of with seed, by the Salem Broccoli

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