

MY HEART AND MY HUSBAND

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 329

WHY LILLIAN DEMANDED A CERTAIN ANSWER FROM ALICE.

I am ashamed to confess that I watched Alice Holcombe's face as keenly as did Lillian while we

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waited for her to answer the question Lillian had asked concerning Kenneth Stockbridge's possible interest in some woman other than his wife.

I had long wondered whether or not she had suspected the lover or her husband. Kenneth Stockbridge had so sternly suppressed, so long kept secret. As I watched her and compared her face with the pictured counterfeit which I had found inadvertently in the principal's desk, I thought with a swift little pang of pity that it was well the man who loved her could not see what ravages sorrow for him had made upon her face.

"My thorny sweet rose," Kenneth Stockbridge had written across the face of that photograph and had locked it away, as he supposed, safe from all human gaze. Yet Fate had willed that I should see it, and it was a certainty that poor Milly Stockbridge had found it the last day she came to the schoolhouse. That the discovery of her husband's love for Alice Holcombe was the thing which drove her to

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the frenzy which had led to her death by her own hand or another's I was sure. It seemed almost an impossibility that Alice herself should be in total ignorance of her old playmate's sentiments concerning her.

"But, incredible as it seemed, I read in her face as Lillian put the question that she had no suspicion of the truth. There was honest negative in her eyes as she answered:

"No, I do not think there was anyone else."

"Did Mrs. Stockbridge know her husband did not love her?"

Lillian Reasons Aloud.

"I think she suspected it," Alice Holcombe replied, "although Kenneth by word or look never gave her reason to do so. In fact, I have often thought he was kinder to her because he did not love her than he would have been to a woman he really cared for. He seemed to be on his guard constantly."

"Of course," Lillian assented absently, as if her thoughts were elsewhere. "Mrs. Graham tells me that she had been sent to a sanitarium by her people several times. That would strongly indicate insanity, incipient if not developed. Did you ever know whether at those times she was angry at her husband, or vengeful against him or cherished the idea of injuring herself?"

"Both," Alice Holcombe returned. "Her whole idea seemed to be to hurt herself in some way to blame him for it. She was always declaring that he kicked her or struck her, and she would show the bruises to prove her statement. Then afterwards she would weep, beg his pardon before everybody, and show how clearly without doubt that she had been lying. And now—her people are using these very incidents, distorting them against Kenneth."

"One More Question."

"Ah!" The exclamation breathed by Lillian was so low that I hardly heard it. As I glanced at her her eyes were glittering pin points, the lids narrowed as if I had seen them only when she was ferreting out a difficult trail.

"Did she ever tell you these things and afterward confess the falsehood?" she asked presently.

"Often," Alice Holcombe replied.

"You can remember them distinctly, could swear to them if necessary?"

"Yes, but—oh—will I have to?" She stopped, threw up her head bravely.

"Please forgive my weakness," she said. "I—I am not quite myself. Of course I will do anything that is necessary."

"That is better," Lillian said gravely, for across her face had crept a tinge of the disdain she feels for faltering. "And it is more than probable that you will never have to appear in court. Now, one question more, and we can turn our attention to a more important subject. Do you know what familiarity Mrs. Stockbridge had with poisons?"

"She knew all about them," Alice Holcombe replied. "Her uncle is a druggist, and she helped in the store when a girl. But she attempted to poison Kenneth and herself on one occasion, and they have carefully guarded her access to poisons ever since. Kenneth kept his photographic stuff in an iron-bound chest, padlocked, and she was never allowed alone in her uncle's establishment. Another relative is a physician, and he warned his fellow practitioners in the neighboring villages, so that she could get no prescription with poison in it anywhere."

"Nice asinine stunt of your friend keeping photographic stuff

in the house with her if he had it guarded by twenty iron-bound boxes," Lillian commented. "It's the only way thing in this whole business. But let's forget all these troublesome questions—you've been a brick, Miss Holcombe, and I thank you—and turn our attention to Mrs. Jace Wisley, alias George Bridgman, alias John Hambridge."

(To be continued)

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The statute requires employment agents to issue to applicants who have paid the permitted fee a receipt condition that the fee shall be refunded if upon application of a person at the place to which he is directed, and to the person to whom he is directed, or his agent, the applicant fails to get employment. It is not permissible, according to the opinion for the employment agent to stamp upon the face of the receipt a further condition reading: "Not responsible for transportation if job is cancelled."

The opinion holds also that when an employment agent has accepted a fee from an applicant and issued the receipt required by law and the applicant is refused employment upon presenting himself because the camp is unable to operate because of heavy snowfall, this does not affect the liability of the employment agent to refund the amounts covered in the receipt. It is held that the agent becomes civilly liable for the repayment of the fee and for the return of the transportation to and from the place where the applicant is sent. No exceptions are provided in the law.

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