

MY HEART AND MY HUSBAND

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 333

THE WAY ALLEN DRAKE OPENED THE SECRET DRAWER.

"Dick, are you in good humor?" I perched on the arm of my husband's chair, prepared to cajole him into an affirmative to my question, even if he were ready to answer it in the negative.

Allen Drake was to arrive on the next train in response to Lillian's summons for aid in finding the secret drawer, and Lillian expected, of course, that we would entertain him during his enforced stay with us.

I knew that I would have to pick my way with caution, for Dicky's vanity is easily wounded, and, besides, on one of two occasions he had seen fit to be capricious concerning what he called Allen Drake's "cursed impertinence," meaning the rather marked attention which the brilliant secret agent had paid me upon one or two occasions when we were all at dinner together.

"How could I help it?" Dicky rose to the occasion gallantly, slipped his arm around me and drew me close to him.

Madge Carefully Explains.

He smiled a bit maliciously, and I found my face flushing. But I struck into the subject boldly.

"You remember the Stock-bridge case?" "Uh-huh—a terrible mess, too. I hope it doesn't concern that."

"But it does. Lillian has been working on a theory of Mr. Stock-bridge's innocence for some weeks and she thinks that the last clue is in a secret drawer of his desk—you remember that desk Lillian said she picked up at a second-hand store?"

"Go on, the plot thickens." I saw with relief that Dicky supposed Lillian to be the sole cause of keeping the desk secret, and so was not angry.

"Well, it was Mr. Stock-bridge's private desk, and she's sure the clue to the whole thing lies in there. But it seems there's only one man who can open it, so Lillian asked him down to do it, and—his coming on the next train, and we will have to entertain him for a day or two, of course."

"Ahah!" Dicky grinned, but he shot a shrewd, questioning glance at me.

What Drake Found.

not repress a little exclamation as the secret drawer shot out from its hiding place. Mr. Drake opened his eyes, sprang up, and with one hand on the drawer, bowed with burlesque grandiloquence.

"At your service, ladies," he said, but he looked directly at me, and I felt rather than saw Dicky's frown of displeasure.

Lillian caught up from the drawer a single sheet of paper, blotted and squawled. Her eyes ran over it quickly, then with a little indrawn breath of relief she beckoned the rest of us to her.

"Read that!" she said, thrusting the paper into my hands. "It was dated the day that Milly Stockbridge had visited the school, and bore the names written under each other of her husband, Alice Holcombe and myself."

"Ah, you devils, you lying devils," it began, "after all these years I have found you out. My husband, my best friend, and that new Graham thing, you're all in this together! You didn't think little Milly would find out, did you? But I'm cleverer than all of you put together, and I'm wondering now just how most I can make you suffer for this. I wish it was the time of the old tortures when I could stretch you on the rack or lower you into boiling oil. I wouldn't care if I died myself if I could only get even with the whole outfit of you. Ah, Kenneth, you'd look sweet in the electric chair, and I can send you there! I've always had the stuff, hid it for years, for I'm too clever for you, you see. And this tea that Graham devil gave me today. What a scheme! And when I lie there dead, after I've drunk the poisoned tea, I'll laugh. I tell you, laugh at the way everybody'll think you three fixed it up for me. Oh, how I hate you, curse you, curse you."

"MILLY." "Allen Drake and Dicky, one on either side of me, had been reading the paper with me. As I finished I looked at Lillian questioningly.

"This clears Kenneth Stock-bridge," she said decisively. "Congratulations, old man." She held her hand heartily out to Allen Drake. I seconded her with a murmured but heartfelt:

"It was wonderful, you finding that drawer!" "Like magic, old chap," Dicky said, but the words were so perfunctory that I felt embarrassed because of them, felt impelled to make my own smile of approbation more meaningful than I otherwise would have done.

Humors Come to the Surface in the spring as in no other season. They don't run themselves all off that way, however, but mostly remain in the system. Hood's Scaparilla removes them, wards off danger, makes good health sure.

Willamette Registration Expected to Surpass That of Previous Years

Willamette university is to put on a heavy summer school course this year, a course almost as heavy as the regular school year.

NEW TIMBER FOR GOVERNOR SOUGHT BY LEAGUE, REPORT

A large and enthusiastic meeting is reported from the Sunnyside schoolhouse Thursday night, when A. A. Slaughter and L. R. M. Pierce spoke on tax reduction.

The full Tax Reduction League platform program was touched upon, including the reduction of official salaries, the elimination of the 1.4 mills millage tax, and the wiping out of a number of state commissions.

It is announced that by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week a full list of the Tax Reduction League legislative choices for Marion county will be made public.

W. M. PIERCE IS CANDIDATE Tremendous Reduction in Taxes Promised by Union County Democrat

Walter M. Pierce of La Grande yesterday filed with the secretary of state his formal declaration as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Other filings yesterday were: Frank Sloan, Stanfield, for Republican nomination for representative from the 23rd district, comprising Umatilla county.

Seventy-Four Permits Granted First Quarter

Seventy-four permits for the appropriation of water from streams in Oregon were issued by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, during the months of January, February and March.

To the city of Milton, Umatilla county, for the appropriation of water from Walla Walla river for development of 1770 horsepower.

Lumber Production Only 10 Percent Below Normal

One hundred and thirty mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 1, manufactured 75,773,937 feet of lumber; sold 88,836,484 feet, and shipped 85,370,740 feet.

Production for mills reporting was 10 per cent below normal. New business for the week was 17 per cent above production.

Thirty-one per cent of all new business taken during the week was for future water delivery. This amounted to 27,186,484 feet, of which 19,668,696 feet will move coastwise or intercoastal, and 7,517,788 feet will move export.

Unfilled domestic cargo orders total 79,883,934 feet, and unfilled export orders 55,484,446 feet. Unfilled rail trade orders total 5667 cars.

The 13 weeks' production was 1,001,266,834 feet; new business, 920,632,791 feet, and shipments 923,144,556 feet.

HOP GROWERS FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF BUTTEVILLE, ORE.

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