

**HOLDING A HUSBAND**

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

**CHAPTER 7**

**WHAT MOTHER GRAHAM THOUGHT OF DICKY'S PLANS.**

"It isn't very often that I say anything, but this time I simply cannot keep silent."

My mother-in-law came into my room, her head up in what Dicky calls her "best-Mary-Stuart-going-to-execution manner," the glint of battle in her eyes. If my eyes had been closed I would have known that she was armed for combat from her voice and her phraseology. The little speech

with which she greeted me is one that always precedes her unfolding of any grievance, real or fancied, which she may have.

I wondered wearily as I turned toward her with what I tried hard to make a conciliatory manner of what fresh housekeeping indiscretion Katie had been found guilty. My mother-in-law, I believe, is genuinely fond of Katie, would be lost without her, but she can never realize that the old days of maids over whose heads could be held the threat of dismissal have fled forever, and it is a perpetual grievance with her that I hold the reins of discipline so lightly over tempestuous, garrulous, but loyal and efficient Katie.

I was in no mood for either conciliation or listening to complaints against Katie. The new of the arrangement by means of which Dicky and Edith Fairfax were to be the best man and maid of honor at the wedding of Lella Fairfax and Alfred Durkee had

upset me more than I cared to admit, and the way in which Dicky had broken the news to me with his cutting reference to Maj. Grantland, had not helped matters any. My conscience was pricking me, also, for having allowed my temper to flare up in a caustic retort to his gibing. I could have kept my lips closed, I was bitterly reflecting at my mother-in-law's entrance, I need not now be on the terms with my husband, which Dicky, in his good-natured moments, dubs the "pardon-me-for-disturbing-you-stage-of-a-scrap."

"Times Have Changed."

But if I had flared up at Dicky there was all the more reason why I should not allow myself to get in an altercation with his mother. So I reined in my temper with a jerk and shut the stable door tightly upon it.

"What is the trouble, mother?" I asked, trying to make my voice

as sugary as possible. "Sit down, won't you? You look warm." "No, thank you," her tone held the icy note which told me that her mood was that of a martyr; who must speak her mind for the last time before submitting her neck to the guillotine. "I can say what I have to say better standing."

I shrugged my mental shoulders. When Mother Graham announced that she can say things better in a standing posture it time for the members of her family to "take to the tall timber." Dicky's invariable suggestion for a retreat. There was but one thing to do, wait quietly but attentively for the unfolding of her grievance.

"In my day," Mother Graham began after a long pause in which she was evidently reviewing the points of her address, "an invitation to the younger members of a family without the older people being included was an open insult. But times have changed, and I understand from Richard that you and he are going to the Fairfax-Durkee wedding at Dundee. Mrs. Durkee was just over, so excited that her hair almost turned its real color again."

"My Own Opinion."

If I had wished proof of my mother-in-law's intense anger this reference would have clinched it. It is an open secret to all of us that "Her Fluffiness" indulges in the process of what she calls "touching up" her hair. She does it so artistically, however, and it is really so becoming to her face, which has never lost its freshness, that we simply smile at the foible. My mother-in-law intensely disapproves of the practice, but she likes her little neighbor so well that only when she is very angry does she refer to it.

I opened my lips to say that it was extremely unlikely that I should go to North Carolina with the wedding party. But my lips uttered entirely different words as my common sense touched my tongue.

"But, mother, I have heard Lella ask you repeatedly to her wedding."

"Yes, in what kind of a way? Merely perfunctory, she was sure of giving her cake and keeping it, too. I fancy I know the difference between the invitation she gave me and the one she gave you. Oh, I've heard her urging you!"

It would be a laughing matter if it were not so really painful, this jealousy of Mother Graham of any attention shown me which is not given equally to her. I have experienced it before. I suspected, however, that it wasn't so much the invitation to the wedding that she craved as the journey. My mother-in-law is like a child in her enjoyment of traveling. I think she would circle the globe if her strength and purse permitted. Her next words confirmed my opinion.

"Of course, I can't expect you and Richard to think of me, but if you have the heart to go south when everything is so cold here and so lovely there, and leave that blessed child, Richard Second, behind, I shall have my own opinion of your selfishness."

(To be continued)

**Many Realty Changes Recorded at Dallas**

DALLAS, Ore., April 24.— (Special to The Statesman) — Polk county and especially Dallas is rapidly becoming one of the liveliest real estate markets in the state. During the past week several pieces of property have changed hands, some of them being houses just in the course of construction. Houses to rent are at a premium in this city and as fast as the construction of a new house is commenced it is either sold or rented.

Among the changes in real estate during the past few days are the following: Ten acres of the Prune Knaw orchards, southwest of the city, belonging to Fred Elliott to E. B. Fry. This tract is planted to prunes, the trees being two years old.

Harry P. Byers sold his home on Ash street to H. D. Cheney, manager of the LaCreole Canning company. Mrs. Mabel Hines of Portland sold a lot on Ellis street to L. R. Livermore. Mr. Livermore will build a modern residence on the property this summer. Mrs. Pearl Schooley bought the G. G. Harder home on Brown street. Mr. Harder and family leave this week for California. Ed Fry sold his home on Stump street to L. D. Brown and Walter L. Young sold his house and lot near Birch street to Jake Martins. Mr. Young has already begun the erection of a new home in the west part of town.

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**ELECTRICITY BIG FACTOR IN HOME**

The Modern Home Should Have All the Wiring and the Lights Up to Date

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The usual spring homebuilding activity is well under way as evidenced by the record breaking total of building permits issued in Portland last month. The prospective homebuilders and owners are therefore turning their thoughts to the serious consideration of the latest developments in construction materials, household appliances, furnishings and the like which make the comfort, beauty and saleability of the home.

At this point electric service (meaning power furnished by central stations), adequate wiring, electrical appliances and illumination step forward to play an important part. In fact, electrical installation and equipment have made such rapid strides in the past five years that these items are today one of, if not the most essential part of the average American home.

**Big Gain in Portland**

Take Portland as an example. Five years ago few electric ranges were in use. Today more than 1900 are bringing comfort, convenience and economy to that number of housewives. The increase is at the rate of more than 50 a month. Five years ago who ever heard the term "proper illumination"? In many cases a drop cord hung from the ceiling with lamp globe attached, miscalled a light and produced a glare which caused severe eye strain. Today we have direct, indirect or semi-indirect fixtures, producing not light, but illumination with no glare or eye strain. It means the placing of proper amount of artificial "daylight" where and when desired.

In those days the purchaser of electrical appliances in order to use them climbed a step ladder or chair, removed the lamp globe and other glassware attached to the plug to the lamp socket, leaving an unsightly cord dangling from above—a handy thing to trip over, ruining disposition and valuable equipment. The foresighted householder of today has his electrical contractor dealer, a real specialist, if you please, place at advantageous points around the baseboards what are termed convenience outlets. In these receptacles the appliance plugs are attached. Various articles of

furniture are now being electrified," making even more practical the appliances used on dining room tables, tea wagons, kitchen cabinets and beds.

**Objects of League**

The Northwest Electrical Service League, a cooperative organization composed of the four branches of the electrical industry in Oregon and Washington has inaugurated a broad, comprehensive campaign covering these states.

According to W. M. Hamilton, manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company for the Salem district, the principal objectives of this movement are: 1—To give better service to the public at the least possible cost. 2—Increase the use of "electric servants" (appliances) in the home. 3—To create a demand on the part of the public for adequate house wiring, using standard materials, expert workmanship and allowing sufficient outlets for present and future use.

To further the work the league is putting on advertising campaigns, homes electrical, and electrical shows and exhibitions. Last year in Oregon two electrical homes were shown. This year at least six of these exhibitions will be held, the Portland home electrical being scheduled for June. Very recently Roger Babson

said: The automobile industry has completed a ten-year period of growth. The electrical industry is entering a similar period of growth."

The Northwest Electrical Service League, starting one year ago undoubtedly will play a most important part in this development.

The gifts showered upon Princess Mary have been on exhibition in London at an admission fee, the money to go to a charity to be named by the young lady. The collection is a fine one, but we fall to note the presence of a perambulator. We believe that what the English call 'em.—Los Angeles Times.

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