

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 12

HOW MADGE CONTRIVED TO MANAGE KATIE.

I am afraid I stared as helplessly at Katie as the most inexperienced girl housewife would have done when she turned upon me in unreasoning fury at my proposal that she take a vacation and pretend to my mother-in-law that she was not coming back again.

In my intense weariness at Mother Graham's constant gibes at the girl I had planned to play a ruse upon Dick's capricious mother—to frighten her into a realization of what life would be without the help of our volatile, garrulous but efficient little maid, I had succeeded in my purpose.

My mother-in-law had been most gratifyingly startled, but my shot had proved a boomerang indeed. It was I who now faced the problem of letting Katie leave or calming her temper instantly. I knew her tempestuous nature sufficiently to realize that if she once let herself go she would no doubt say things that would make it well nigh impossible for us to continue in the relation of mistress and maid.

With a feeling that it was my last resort I went up to the girl, put my hands upon her shoulders with the old half-stern, half-affectionate manner which I have many times found effective with her, and said kindly yet with firmness:

"Katie, you little goose, look at me! Nobody wants you to leave here. I would like to keep you and Jim all my life. But you deserve a vacation, and there is a reason why I want Mother Graham to think you aren't coming back. But I want you to be back in six weeks. Don't you understand me, you foolish girl?"

Hysterical laughter. Katie had been twisting and

turning in my grasp, and her head held sullenly down as if she were determined not to meet my eyes. I knew, however, that she was listening to what I was saying. Yet I held my breath as I finished, wondering miserably what the outcome would be. Several years' experience of Katie's moods had taught me to be prepared for anything. Therefore I was not surprised to feel her relax limply in my grasp, and the next minute hear her laugh with a glee equal in intensity to her fury of the moment before.

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" I guessed she was almost hysterical in her relief. "I see now what you get at. You want to play a joke on old woman. I bet you she always says, 'Vy you no get rid of dot Katie? She run bunch of soup greens?' Oh, I used to feel bad from dot, but I know better now, poor old woman." I was almost malicious enough to wish my martinet mother-in-law could hear the superb magnanimity in Katie's voice, "and you think ven you get a chance you jost slam her run in slats, make her sit up and use her bean run leedle bit, ain't it?"

Is Madge Mistaken?

My mental reactions upon listening to this atrocious vulgar jumble of what Katie fondly supposes to be the latest thing in American slang, the hall-mark of her graduation from alien speech, gave me distinct food for thought when I had left the kitchen leaving a radiant Katie behind me.

I can remember the time when I would have felt only disgust and anger at her little speech, and would have sternly reproved her for it. Now, the only emotion I experienced was a desire to get away from the girl as a quickly as possible for fear that the laughter I was heroically trying to suppress would escape, and either mortally offend her or give her an idea of herself as a humorist.

Had I deteriorated from the standards I had held during my early married life or had I simply become more human? The question lingered with me after I had said lamely enough to Katie:

"Yes, it is a joke, Katie. Please do as I ask," and had received her joyous familiar response:

"All right, Messia Graham, I feel."

A glance at my wrist watch told me that if I wished to catch the train I had promised Lillian to take I could indulge in no further introspection and retrospection. So I promptly shelved the matter of my diminishing ideals, hurried through the last touches of the careful toilet I always make for a trip to the city, and made my train with only a few gasping seconds to spare.

I hate to hurry. It upsets both my nerves and my dignity. The consciousness that I was flushed, that my hair was disarranged, that the passengers had gazed at my breathless entrance with varying degrees of amusement made

me uncomfortable all through the hour's journey. It was only when I alighted from the train that I recovered my poise.

As I walked up the stairs to the line of waiting taxis, I caught just a glimpse of a woman's figure entering a limousine on the other side of the driveway. Her face was turned from me, but something in the graceful lines of her figure and the way in which she managed her entrance turned me fairly faint.

For though I knew that she was an occupant of a prison, that I must be mistaken, the image of Grace Draper flashed in memory before my eyes.

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