

Work of Miss Heist to Be Shown Sunday Night

Friends of Miss Laura Heist, who left Salem during the winter to take up her work as a missionary in India, will be glad of the chance to see and hear something of her new work as it will be given at the First Methodist church tonight.

Miss Heist has sent home a number of photographs from her present field, and these have been made into stereoscopic slides to be shown to this her home church. To fill out the story, a number of other beautifully colored slides have been secured from the board



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of missions, and these will be added, with a comprehensive lecture covering the whole subject.

Miss Heist's letters are to be drawn upon for part of the story as it especially interests Salem people. Miss Heist was so well known here, that a crowded house is expected to get this personal message from her in her new life work.

Meeting tonight is the annual thank offering occasion for the Woman's Foreign Missionary society, and it has been proposed that Salem should undertake part or all the cost of Miss Heist's services in India. She receives \$800 a year—her salary here at home was twice that—and the home church already plans to take up a part of this financial obligation. The Sunday night collection will go toward her support; they're hoping that it will be large enough that Salem can call Miss Heist "Salem's missionary."

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CHAPTER 18

WHAT MADGE DEMANDED OF LILLIAN AND ALLEN DRAKE

Neither Lillian nor I gave any heed of justice to the delicious dinner which Betty served following the "chickling soup," over which she had been so temperamental.

I watched my friend furtively, decided that she was palpably distraught, and that the cause of her worry was not herself but me. The knowledge naturally didn't increase my peace of mind, and I had an anxious time of it trying to conceal my own agitation and lack of appetite from the keen eyes of Allen Drake.

He, however, in true masculine fashion, was too busy at first, discussing the viands served him to pay much attention to anything else. I knew that he had dined at every restaurant of note in the world, that he was a critical judge of things culinary, and his absorption in his dinner was a high tribute to Betty's cooking—a tribute, however, which Lillian's guests always pay her.

At the salad course Mr. Drake turned to me accusingly.

"You aren't eating your dinner," he said, and I felt his gaze steadily upon me. "Why?"

"I think you are a bit mistaken," I returned a bit wearily—I was tired of the game I had been playing so desultorily, and wished that Mr. Drake would take himself and his fascinations and his vanity anywhere on the globe except in my vicinity—"but I lunched late and heartily, unfortunately, when one considers Betty's dinners. But you see I didn't know I was to come in here until after luncheon."

Allen Drake's Question.

"Yes, I know," he returned, and a little thrill of fear ran along my nerves. Each chance word seemed to confirm the suspicion that my meeting of Allen Drake at Lillian's home had been the result of prearrangement between my friend and the diplomatic agent. If so, it spelled danger somewhere for me, or a need for my services. A little psychic premonition discounted the latter hypothesis and strengthened the former.

"Nevertheless," Mr. Drake continued, "you really should try to eat something. A late luncheon shouldn't mean anything to a healthy woman like you. Sure you're not worrying about something?"

Lillian's attention was for the moment distracted with a direction to Betty, who stood at her elbow. Mr. Drake's question was a murmured one, and for a moment I thought it was simply a continuation of the little flirtations game which I suspected he had been trying to play. But as I looked up at him I saw that all lightness had gone from his manner. He was gazing at me with real solicitude, and I read in his eyes the same flash of pity that had so alarmed me in Lillian's.

"You Poor Child!"

I haven't the same control over my face and eyes as is possessed by Lillian and Allen Drake, and I do not know what of terror or other emotion may have been written on my face. But Mr. Drake put out his hand with a quick, involuntary motion, covered for an instant my own, which I now saw was visibly shaking, and released it as quickly.

"You poor child!" he said softly. "I thought so. Now listen to me—"

"Don't do it, Madge," Lillian interrupted with a note of gaiety in her voice that I surmised was forced. "I'm the party who's the official listener around these diggings. Come on, let's adjourn to the library. Betty will bring the ices and coffee up there."

I went upstairs with much the feeling of a criminal going to execution. Lillian's wonderful brown-toned library has been the scene of many of the dramatic moments of my life, some of them terrible experiences, which have left indelible prints upon my memory. It seemed to my overstrained imagination that going to this room was a distinct prelude of evil, even though my common sense told me that it was Lillian's invariable custom to have her dinner coffee and dessert served there or in the white and crimson living room.

We discussed the ices absentmindedly, or at least Lillian and Mr. Drake did. I could only pretend to eat mine, but I drained the demitasse of black coffee eagerly, poured myself a second and drained it also. And when Betty had removed the service I turned to Lillian with every shred of self-control torn from me.

"Please don't keep this farce up any longer," I stormed. "Something has happened, and you're trying to prepare me to hear it. But I must know this at

once. Has it anything to do with Grace Draper?"

(To be continued)

Gervais Has Only Union High School in County

Gervais now has the only union high school district in Marion county—union district No. 1, formally organized at Gervais Wednesday. The directors are S. Paul Jones, of district No. 13, Joseph Rubens of No. 59, J. S. Harper of No. 76 and L. S. Brown No. 82. They organized by making Mr. Harper chairman, and F. A. Mangold of Gervais secretary, for the rest of the school year.

The board is to have another meeting Saturday night, May 8, to consider other matters that will be up for action.

A somewhat similar union high

school district was organized several years ago at Scotts Mills, to include territory in both Marion and Clackamas counties. The bi-county affiliations did not prove entirely satisfactory, and the district was finally disbanded, leaving it for the new Gervais district to take the title of No. 1.

Former Senator Chauncey M. Depew has just celebrated his 88th birthday. The distinguished New Yorker is the one man prominent in public life who thought more of his job as head of the New York Central Railway than he did of a nomination for the presidency. There was a time when he might have been nominated if he had not been with a big corporation. But he chose the job instead of the presidency.

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