

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 51
WHAT MAJOR GRANTLAND CAME TO ASK MADGE.

My mother-in-law's prediction did not come true. It was not one hour, but six which whirled by before Maj. Grantland's big car came up our driveway. I knew that he had stopped at Mrs. Durkee's home shortly after the little woman had departed in such high dudgeon at our disinclination to agree with the wedding bouquet scheme. That it, after all, had turned out to be Dicky's instead of the young officer's, was something I was sure "Her Pluffiness" did of know. And when Major Grantland did not

come over, but dashed past the house as if he were going to a fire I made up my mind that our little neighbor had resolved to take us at our word and leave us bouquetless as far as Hugh Grantland was concerned. I found myself worrying absurdly over the situation, even through the rush of the last things to which I was attending. My father, who always appears to have an unlimited fund of that elastic and elusive commodity known as "inside information," had warned us that we must get our trunks off early if we expected to arrive in any season, also that we must carry all the things most necessary in our bags. With the prospect of no trunks for days it was a seemingly endless task to decide which things were most vitally necessary for my baby's comfort and my own creditable appearance at the wedding. I packed and repacked suit cases and traveling bags, even tucking away such light articles as handkerchiefs and silk hose in the crevices of the box which held

the hat I was to wear at Lella's wedding.
Left Alone.
I was femininely inconsistent enough to wonder if my mother-in-law and I were to be the only women without bouquets at the wedding, even to feel resentment toward Maj. Grantland for taking our refusal for granted without even an effort to change our decision. Then my irritation swerved to little Mrs. Durkee, who might have known—I told myself hotly—that I was only refusing the preferred courtesy because I dreaded Dicky's displeasure and his mother's nagging. Thankful indeed was I that there was no one to disturb either my packing or my absurd worrying, which was complicated by the certainty that Dicky, despite his dislike of the young officer, would be furious when he found that the scheme which he himself had devised had been partly spoiled by his wife and mother. Dicky had departed on the noon train to attend to some last things at the studio, and my father had unexpectedly taken the same train with an air of having discovered something of the utmost importance which had to be attended to at once. My mother-in-law was busy with her own packing, which threatened to be still unfinished when the train whistle should sound. Katie and Jim were efficiently preparing the house for shutting up, and I was left to my own unsatisfactory self for company.

that some third person was present whenever I chanced to encounter him. That he had been similarly considerate I guessed, and it had come with a sudden, subtle if absurd significance to me that this was the first time I had seen him alone for many months. But I finally nerved myself to go downstairs and put all my nerve strength into the effort to greet him with just the right shade of perfunctory cordiality. "This is indeed a pleasure, Maj. Grantland," I said, holding out my hand in greeting. "Not quite unexpected, however, for Mrs. Durkee has already told us of your wonderful thoughtfulness." "What—oh? Oh! About the flowers!" he stammered. "Yes, yes, of course. But, as it happens, I have come about a very different errand just now. Tell me, is it true that you have no drawing room for your southern trip?" (To be continued)

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

SCHOOL ELECTION
Editor Statesman—Those of us who are interested in changing the complexion of the school board are wondering if all of the people of Salem know just whom they cast their ballot for tomorrow if they cast their ballot for Curtis Cross? We have absolutely nothing against Mr. Cross personally. He would be a good man for the job, only he is being put forward by the wrong crowd.

Mr. Cross is a fine man. There is absolutely nothing against him except that he is Walter Winslow's candidate, hand picked for his ability as a candidate under the present conditions. Who is choosing the director to fill the vacancy on the board? The people of Salem or the members of the school board? Mr. Cross' petition was filed by friends, he says, but he neglected to mention that those friends were members of the school board. Walter Winslow has not been able to run George Halvorsen and he now sees a chance to have complete control of the board by putting in his own candidate. The article in the Editorials of the People of Saturday's Statesman which touched on the school director question should meet with the approval of those who desire more than a "one man" board.

Yes, let's elect E. A. Rhoten. He is both conservative and progressive enough to be safe. He is a shrewd business man, a taxpayer and has four children in the public schools of Salem. What better guarantee of his interests and capability could be asked. Mr. Cross is a handpicked candidate for the position by Walter Winslow, who has dominated the board for so long he dislikes to have even one member interfere with him. He believes that if he gets Mr. Cross on the board he will be able to have his way and the good Lord pity us if Walter Winslow gains his objective. Halvorsen was able to hold Winslow down, which Winslow resented, and so is making this special effort to get Mr. Cross on the board. Let's end the one man school board in Salem by electing E. A. Rhoten to the position. —Interested in a Square Deal.

Tax Amendment Measure Is Offered by League
A proposed amendment to the state assessment and taxation laws is presented in the form of an initiative bill which is expected to go on the ballot next November, initiated by the Law Enforcement club of Portland, of which Charles P. Church is president and J. E. Simmons secretary. The measure pertains mainly to bank deposits. The tentative title to the bill provides "among other things that money deposited in banks, banking institutions and similar concerns shall be considered the personal property of the depositors or owners thereof, and as debts of the bank, banking institutions or other concerns by which the same are received and held or used, and are not to be deducted from the assessed value of the assets of any such bank, banking institution, or similar concern; providing that the tax commission of Oregon must accept the value of the property of public utility corporations at the amount fixed by the public service commission of the state of Oregon; and also providing for a more efficient enforcement of the laws already in existence in regard to assessments and taxation in the state of Oregon."

Bobbie had been hastily bidden to a party and his mother had lugged him forcibly into the bath room. "Oh, mother," he cried, "do I have to have a whole bath?" "Certainly." "Are you sure that isn't just your idea?" he inquired. "I heard Harry's mother tell you over the telephone that the party was very informal." — Legion Weekly.

TRIPLE EXECUTION IN IRELAND.



This picture is not so gruesome as it looks. Owing to the total prohibition of firearms, the birds in Ireland are having things all their own way and are raising havoc with the crops. A worried farmer uses these means to scare the pests away from his grounds. It certainly is novel "execution."

FOOD ARTICLES SHOW INCREASE

Change in Month's Time, However, is Slight, Statistics Show

WASHINGTON, June 16.—An increase of two-tenths of one per cent in the retail cost of food to the average family from April 15 to May 15, was announced today by the bureau of labor statistics in an analysis of the cost of 43 food articles, marketed by dealers in 51 important cities. The largest increases were noted in the sale price of cabbage, 8 per cent; eggs strictly fresh 6 per cent; certain grades of meats 4 per cent; potatoes 3 per cent

and bread, rice, coffee and other groceries, 1 per cent. Fifteen articles decreased in prices ranging from onion, with a 25 per cent decrease to cheese, 4 per cent, milk 3 per cent and butter, 1 per cent. During the month from April 15 to May 15 the average family expenditure for food increased as follows: Little Rock and St. Paul, 1 per cent; Denver and Richmond, 2 per cent; Baltimore, Butte, Cincinnati, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Portland, Or., St. Louis, Seattle and Washington, D. C., 1 per cent. In Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Omaha and Peoria, there was an increase of less than five-tenths of one per cent. There were the following decreases: Buffalo and Newark 2 per cent; San Francisco, 1 per cent; New Orleans, New York, Pittsburg and Salt Lake decreased less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

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