

### HOLDING A HUSBAND

Idle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

#### CHAPTER 104

##### HOW DICKY BROKE A RECORD

"It is to be hoped I should know how to perform so simple a culinary act as to bake potatoes," my mother-in-law said with her nose in the air.

But I knew, nevertheless, that she really was mollified by my suggestion that she superintend the preparation of the breakfast, for which I was so hungry. She departed hurriedly, and I was sure that long before she returned she would have forgotten her rancor at my not permitting her to examine the contents of the twisted handkerchief.

I sponged my body with cold water and dressed slowly, for I found that I was far from possessing the strength I had thought. As I look from my bag and suitcase a plaid "sport skirt" and pongee blouse, a light sweater and the low serviceable oxfords and golf hose which I meant to use for tramping, I whimsically thought that now I was preparing for the walk for which I had so longed. I would like nothing so much as to go to bed again.

Dicky sauntered in as I was putting the finishing touches to

my hair. He had the air of having spent the preceding hour in indolent contemplation of the landscape, but looking shrewdly at him I saw that he had been engaged in something strenuous. His face was flushed, and his breathing was a trifle hurried. And though he tried to make his voice nonchalant, he could not keep a triumphant note out of it when he spoke.

Dicky's Small Triumph.

"Well, old dear, your breakfast is on the broiler! The redoubtable Mandy assured me just now that 'the young miss's breakfast would be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail.' But I am afraid she meant a sheep of a studious and ruminative disposition, who would pause to compose a poem between shakes. But mother is on the job with bells on, so you may hope for the best."

This was assuredly my cue to be appropriately surprised and pleased and grateful. I knew that Dicky expected it, and that it really was his due—he had no doubt made a most spectacular dash to secure the food for which I had wished. But though I forced my lips to a pleased acknowledgment, my voice and face to grateful interest. I did not feel particularly enthusiastic over his somewhat theatrical performance. It would have been so easy for him to have done as his mother suggested, ask Maj. Grantland to suggest the purchase when he drove over as he had signified his

intention of doing. And my resentment—if my feeling was strong enough for such a word—was increased by the irritated contempt with which he had treated the mention of the officer's name by my mother-in-law.

Urged to Appear Ill.

"But I do not think Dicky guessed the feeling which lay beneath the smile and sprightly query I gave him.

"However did you manage it in so short a time?" I asked. "I thought there was no butcher in the town."

"Your thinks are eminently correct," he answered. "I got this steak in Aberdeen, three miles away."

"How in the world— I was still carefully incredulous.

"Taxi, my child, taxi!" my husband retorted. "There's a chap down here that's got the world beaten for getting to a place and back again. Has a make of a car that he's a fanatic about, and he and the car are like two souls with but a single thought. You'd think his car was human the way it responds to him, and the way he talks about it. He has a place near here in the winter and spring, and a home out on the east end of Long Island. I've seen him before, but never happened to have him to do any work for me. But me for him!"

"He's a careful driver, but, oh, boy! Can he get every ounce of speed out of a car? I'll say so! I told him what I wanted, and telephoned the butcher while he

was getting his car out. I got out in front of the shop while the car was still moving, and the butcher handed me the steak while the driver was turning the car around. So we didn't lose a minute."

He was so boyishly elated that my critical resentment vanished in a rush of tenderness.

"It was perfectly wonderful, you extravagant boy!" I said, with my arm around his neck. "I shall enjoy it all the better for its having come the way it did."

And enjoy it I did hugely when Mandy finally brought it, broiled to a turn, and accompanied by the other things for which I had asked. I had just finished and Mandy was clearing the tray when I heard the noise of arrivals outside, and in another minute Leila Fairfax was ushered into the room by Dicky. She looked in dismay at the tray and me.

"Whatever shall I do?" she exclaimed in a ludicrous but real consternation. "Aunt Dora Paige is outside prepared to nurse a real invalid. You'll simply have to get in bed again."

(To be continued.)

The Prince of Wales is at home from his trip around the world. But he is to wed soon and his troubles have just begun.

William Rockefeller, brother of John D., and himself one of the wealthiest men in the country, was laid in the grave with the simplest services. For the six feet of earth makes us all of one size.

## BETTER TIMES ARE AT HAND

### Unemployment Wiped Out and Increase in Wages Come Into Vogue

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The rising tide of prosperity has not only wiped out the unemployment problem of a few months ago but has created an actual shortage of men with an accompanying increase in wages, according to employment agents, railway officials and manufacturers tonight.

One evidence of this, they said, was to be found in the raise in pay announced for employees of the United States Steel corporation.

Farm Hands Scarce

Employment agents complained that there was a scarcity of both railroad labor and farm hands and said that as a result higher wages were being offered. One railroad official attempted to show that the steel companies were being forced to pay higher wages because of the wages paid for the same class of labor by the railroads acting under authority of the United States railroad labor board.

While common labor in the steel mills here is receiving 30 cents an hour at present, he said, section hands constituting common labor on the railroads are receiving a maximum of 25 cents an hour in the Chicago district. These maintenance of way men, even with the decrease in wages authorized by the labor board and effective last July, are still receiving 5 cents an hour more than the common labor in the steel mills.

Steel Advance Equalizes

While the increase granted today to steel workers will in a great measure equalize this, he pointed out that the maintenance of way workers have a wage case in involving all the class roads of the country coming before the labor board August 28 at which time their leaders will ask that the wage cut of July 1 be reconsidered and that an increase be granted, the expectation being that they will ask that the old rate with a maximum of 40 cents for this district be restored.

Railroads Not Obstinate

A number of railroads, this man said, have offered no resistance to this action and apparently do not expect to do so. Practically all roads, he said, would the provision requiring 30 days' notice before wage cases can be submitted to the board, indicating a willingness to aid the employees in a readjustment upward of wages to this extent.

ISLAND FARM DOING WELL

Excellent Showing Made With Peaches and All Other Kinds of Fruit

When the big freeze came three years ago in December, everybody agreed that there would not be a peach left in the Willamette valley, except the canned or evaporated or pretty girl varieties.

Some peaches did die in that memorable storm, but so, too did thousands of sturdy oaks, and ironclad Arctic apples, and almost every kind of tree that is either native or planted in Oregon. The curious fact, perhaps, is that there are more fine peaches left than apples, and that the peach crop this year warrants any fruit-grower in planting out all the peaches he thinks he can care for—they look as safe as government bonds.

Peaches Flourishing

A Statesman representative this week visited the Beaver Island peach orchard, on the Mission Bottom 12 miles north of Salem and the Bent Jones orchards, another half mile farther north. Maybe this is a better country for peaches and filberts, but the peach grower certainly has a great run for his money.

At the Beaver Island farm 18 varieties of peaches are grown. They cover a ripening season of almost three months, from July until October. Some of these trees are quite old; 15 years or more. Most of the trees suffered somewhat in the big freeze; some were killed outright, and others have been shivering and losing some of their limbs each year since then, limbs that couldn't recover from the cold. Some vigorous trimming is the only salvation for many of these older orchards.

This Tree a Wonder

One Columbia tree, however, this year has produced 20 boxes of packed, merchantable peaches. The tree has a spread of 35 feet, and is as healthy as a thistle. As a rule, however, the big yields come from the later varieties, like the late Crawfords and the

Muir's, both famous canning peaches that are still not nearly full grown. The Early Crawford is just now being harvested. The Beaver Island farm will have several hundred boxes of this standard variety.

Peaches suffered as much as did any other fruit this year from the dry weather. It would give the willies to see the fine big peaches that drop off some of the trees just before ripening, as the result of the drought. But still there are lots of peaches left. Hundreds of the trees are fairly breaking under their loads of fruit. Others would be breaking if they had not been propped up. Most of these peaches are being taken to the Portland market.

Walnuts Do Well

The Beaver Island farm has practically every Oregon fruit, except apples and prunes. Walnuts are doing finely; some of the trees already show a growth of eight feet for the season of 1922. Filberts are being set out in large numbers, and Cuthbert raspberries and evergreen blackberries are also receiving special attention. A number of acres were irrigated the latter part of July and the first of August before the rains came, including hops, peaches and small fruits. So remarkable has been the growth of all the irrigated crops, that the managers plan to level off the whole farm for irrigation. The berries look like about the surest money, and always the quickest return and the easiest crop to change of any of the fruits. The Cuthberts especially promise to be gold mines for the careful grower who can irrigate his crop.

Old Trees Cut Back

Some of the older peach trees that have spread abnormally or have grown too big for good picking or spraying, are being cut back, and new sprouts are being allowed to grow from the central stem, making the second or even the third crop of branches from the one set of roots.

The Percy brothers and O. K. DeWitt of Salem are the managers and part owners of the Beaver Island fruit farm, which was built up by the consolidation of their 135-acre holdings, mostly set to fruit; and another adjoining farm belonging to Portland investors. They have been furnishing a market for much picking and packing labor this fall, though they expect to have many times as much business in the next five years as they get the place fairly developed.

Salem Pageant Will Be Given About September 1

Parts were assigned yesterday for the imposing "Story of Salem" pageant that is to close the year's work at the summer playground on Fourteenth street.

The play will be given in seven acts, each depicting one distinct period of the growth of the north-west in general and Salem in particular. It will go back many years farther than the Willamette pageant; given four years ago, that covered only from about 1830 onward. It will be given in costume, with a herald to carry the story, the performers themselves not being expected to use their voices at all.

This promises to be an extremely interesting presentation. It will be a fine wind-up of the year's play activities. It is to be given about September 1. The contracted two months of playground supervision ends on September 1, and after that the grounds will be closed so far as public service is concerned.

Thirteen Applications for Water Are on File

Thirteen new applications for authority to appropriate water from Oregon streams are on file with the state engineering department. They are:

By Ray Duncan, T. W. Fisher, and Frank Bloom of Cove, covering the appropriation of water from Horseshoe creek and a small branch for irrigation of 200 acres and for development of 256 horse-power in Coos county.

By the Coos river consolidated school district No. 38, of Marshfield, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream for domestic use for the school house, teacher's residence and janitor's dwelling, at an estimated cost of \$500.

By Frank A. Minto, of Salem, covering the appropriation of water from Battle creek for irrigation purposes, and for operating a hydraulic ram in Marion county.

By the United Railways company, Portland, covering the appropriation of water from McKay creek, tributary of Tualatin river for engine supply in Washington county, at a cost of approximately \$5000.

By Jess Kyle, of Marshfield, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed spring for domestic water supply, in Coos county.

By F. J. Blattner, of Canyonville, covering the appropriation of water from O'Shea creek for domestic use in Douglas county.

By W. H. Schenck, of Caldwell, Idaho, covering the appropriation of water from reservoir on Succor creek for irrigation of 2,960 acres in Malheur county.

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By M. J. Lee, of Canby, covering the construction of the Lee reservoir for the storage of water from Molalla river, Mill creek and Woodcock creek, for irrigation, domestic and power purposes in Clackamas county.

By Lot and Nella P. Butler of Hillsboro, covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed stream for irrigation of 28 acres, domestic and stock use in Washington county.

By the Dufur Lumber company of Dufur, covering the appropriation of water from Eight Mile creek for domestic supply, and use in steam boilers, in Wasco county.

By T. J. Ware, of Stayton, covering the appropriation of water from west fork of Santiam river for irrigation of 30 acres in Marion county.

By Norman Christensen, of Hemlock, covering the appropriation of water from Mills creek for irrigation of 30 acres and domestic water supply in Tillamook county.

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