

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adela Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 230

THE WAY LILLIAN DIVERTED MRS. DURKEE'S ATTENTION

Lillian made no outward sign of interest or discomposure at little Mrs. Durkee's announcement of her intention to investigate the looting of our home "all by herself." But I, who know her so well, was watching her closely while Mrs. Durkee was talking, and I saw the little lines at the corners of her mouth deepen, and her lips close tightly—sure sign that something has disturbed her.

"There is one thing on which I am sure you will agree with me, Lady," she said pleasantly to Mrs. Durkee—she has called the little woman "Lady" ever since I have known her—and that is that Madge has no business trying to straighten things over there until Jim and Katie come tomorrow.

"Of course not, but you can bet I'm going to look things over right away," the little woman replied. "And whatever are you going to do about it tonight? You surely don't want to leave the house alone again."

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH

YOU CAN'T ENJOY LIFE with a sore, sour, bloated stomach. Food does not nourish. Instead it is a source of misery, causing pain, hickies, dizziness and headache.

The person with a bad stomach should be satisfied with nothing less than permanent, lasting relief. The right remedy will act upon the lining of the stomach, enrich the blood, aid in casting out the catarrhal poison and strengthen every bodily function.

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TABLETS OR LIQUID SOLD EVERYWHERE

"If we get it aired and warmed sufficiently, Lillian and I will sleep there," I interposed, guessing that Lillian wished a chance to marshal her mental forces to anticipate this projected visit of Mrs. Durkee to the scene.

Lillian Thinks Quickly.

"Well, you don't take Marion into any such place!" Her fluffiness returned, bridling. She'll stay right here with her Auntie Durkee. And now let's go over. You ought to look at your furnace again, anyway, Madge."

"It was all right when I went back a few minutes ago," I said, still watching for some cue to indicate what Lillian wanted. "How do you feel, Madge?" Lillian asked abruptly. "You look better."

"Mrs. Durkee's tea," I smiled. "Then I'd advise you to have another cup," she said, and I knew that I had received my cue. "Will it be too much trouble?" I turned apologetically to Mrs. Durkee. "I'm afraid the pot is empty, but I would like another cup."

"Trouble!" she exclaimed hospitably. "As Alfred says, I'll 'soak you one' if you get off anything like that. I can heat some more water in a jiffy. Will you girls have some more?"

"Not I," Lillian rose lastly. "I feel like a tea ball now. Give me your keys, Madge. I'll stroll over and open up the house again, and shut some of those windows. You have a cold now, Lady."

"Don't waste your breath bothering about me," called back our little hostess on her way to the kitchen for more boiling water—she has an elaborate arrangement for boiling water at her tea table, but invariably dashes out to her gas stove when she wants it in a hurry. "Just don't disturb any of the evidence, as the police say. I warn you I'm going to get a tape measure and crawl around on my hands and knees in regular detective style."

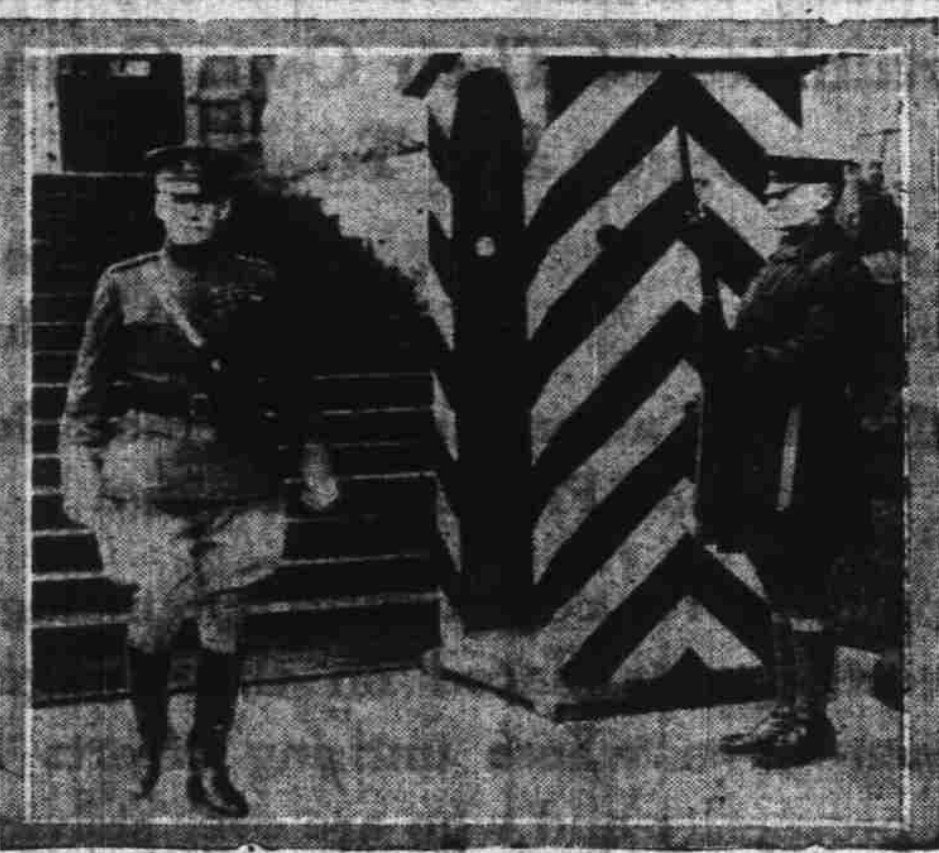
Lillian laughed heartily. "Go to it," she called amusedly, and sauntered out of the house.

When I next saw her she was standing in the same indolent fashion in the door of my own home with a lazy smile of greeting for Mrs. Durkee, who pattered excitedly by my side. Marion had gone ahead with her mother, and Edith Fairfax, evidently unable longer to conceal her boredom at the whole affair, had announced her intention of clearing up and washing the tea things.

Full Revelation Avoided.

"Oh, how perfectly awful!"

The first pictures to arrive in America of the American troops leaving Germany, Upper Group of enthusiastic Yanks ready to return home, their work on the Rhine finished and their supplies packed. A grand hurrah and Home Sweet Home. Lower—Major-General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American forces on the Rhine, leaving his headquarters for the last time.



This was evidently the favorite exclamation of our hostess, for she used it numberless times as her progress through the house, a progress punctuated by much fussy examination of wrecked things, and peering into corners on the part of Mrs. Durkee.

It was not until we reached the second floor, however, that I realized how cleverly Lillian had forestalled any investigation of my keepsake trunk on the part of Mrs. Durkee. Every bedroom window was thrown wide open, and sheets weighted down at the corners with heavy articles covered the heaps of clothing and miscellaneous articles on the floors.

"You see, they emptied every trunk out and tumbled the contents over, looking for mousetraps," Lillian explained. "Madge, dear, I hope you don't mind my being officious, but I thought I'd better cover each heap with a sheet so nothing would blow around. We simply must have it aired out well if we sleep here tonight. Just look here, Lady, see how they upset things."

She lifted up a corner of the sheet in my mother-in-law's room and listened attentively to the oh's and ah's with which Mrs. Durkee commented on it.

"It's just like this in all the rooms," Lillian observed with an indifferent air. "They simply broke the locks and emptied the trunks. Of course, Madge can't tell till later whether they've taken anything or not, and I'm not going to let her sort things till Katie comes to help her."

"That's only sensible," Mrs. Durkee agreed. Then she shivered. "You certainly have air enough in here," she said pettishly.

"You mustn't stay here another

minute," Lillian said energetically. "These windows have to be opened, but there's no need for you to stand in a draught. Besides, there's nothing to be seen here, and I want to take Madge to look for houses this afternoon. Come on downstairs. Do you want to look these rooms, Madge? It's hardly necessary."

"I would," Mrs. Durkee protested. "I'd look everything tight. And be sure to see that your furnace is all right before you leave the house. For you can just bet I wouldn't come into this house alone this afternoon if I knew it was going to burn down."

She went down the stairs ahead of us, and I locked the bedroom doors, my own last, with a feeling of gratitude to Lillian for the way in which she had diverted little Mrs. Durkee's attention.

CHAPTER 231. THE THIRD GREAT ADVENTURE—LILLIAN EXPLAINS WHAT IT IS.

"Now," said Lillian from her seat beside me in the car my father had given me, "now for the third great adventure!"

"What third?" I spoke without turning my head, for if I have learned no other lesson in motoring, I have mastered the rule which keeps a driver's eyes on the road in front, especially through village streets.

"Because there are three," she retorted. "Death, Marriage and House Hunting, and to judge from the little pieces you see standing in the papers nowadays, the greatest of these is house hunting."

"You sound discouraging," I said disconsolately.

"I don't mean to," she returned quickly, "but I do want to prepare you just a little for the conditions you are apt to meet. Now that we're out of the village on the country road, drive as slowly as you can, and give me those clippings I put in your hands this morning. Did you look them over?"

I shifted my grip of the wheel so that I could manage it with my left hand, inserted my right in the pocket of my motor coat, and drew out the long, flat purse which I take with me when driving.

"Just look through that," I said, holding it toward her. "I looked at most of them. There are two attractive ones advertised by Jones of Hempstead."

No Improvements, But—

I felt her take it from my hand and it was a minute later before she said briskly: "I have them. Suppose I read each slowly. Will it disturb you?"

"Not a bit. I can talk or listen all day, just so I'm not asked to look around."

"Don't lose any sleep about my asking you to look around," Lillian commented dryly. "If there's anything that makes me break an aviation altitude record it is to see one of these would-be demon drivers with eyes traveling anywhere but where they should be. But listen to this:

"For sale. Fine acre property on one of the best residence streets of Hempstead. Old colonial farmhouse type; no improvements, but easy to remodel. Fine shade trees and shrubs. Large open space suitable for tennis court and gardens. Five minutes from station."

"I wonder if that five minutes means on foot or by fast motor," I observed with a cynicism born of reading our leading American humorists, who have educated the public pretty generally as to the hidden snags in real estate advertisements.

unpromising exterior hide wonderful possibilities."

"You're an incurable romanticist, aren't you, my dear?" Lillian queried mockingly, but there was tenderness in her amusement, and I was not in the least disturbed by it.

"I admit it," I laughed. "You glory in it, you mean," she retorted. "But aren't we almost in Hempstead?"

"Right around this curve in the road," I said, "we'll see the outskirts of the village. But I have not the slightest idea where this man Jones is to be found."

"Near the railroad station," Lillian rejoined practically. "You never saw a real estate office in your life which wasn't so near the station that the agent could sit behind his window and see prospective purchasers alighting from the train."

"To the railroad station we go then," I laughed, guiding the machine into the long, beautiful road which led toward the station.

"There! What did I tell you?" Lillian crowed, as we reached it. Across the street was the sign. "Jones & Bisgood, Real Estate and Insurance."

(To be continued)

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POULTRY REMINDERS FROM THE O. A. C.

Inaccurate incubation thermometers may cause failure of incubations. Thermometers should be tested for accuracy with a doctor's clinical thermometer. Place the two in water and gradually raise the temperature to 105 degrees. Check carefully between 100 and 105 degrees. Be sure the thermometers are in water of the same heat. If the incubation thermometer is off one-half a degree or more, remark it with a file.

One tom should be used for 12 to 20 turkey hens, with 15 a good average number. Increased egg production may be obtained by running two toms to this number of hens. If the toms are quarrelsome, alternate them as to time with the flock.

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Company F Gets Ready for Annual Inspection

Company F, Oregon national guard, is getting ready for the big annual inspection, that comes March 22. The last item in equipment is being put into the best possible condition and the soldiers themselves are being drilled more diligently to make the best possible appearance.

The company has been reduced to 75 men, through the dropping of several men who have removed from the state and are automatically eliminated, though their names have to be later formally expunged from the records.

There are places for 10 more recruits, to bring the company up to its full maximum strength. Captain Paul Hendricks hopes to enlist that many new men with at least some military experience, so that though they start in late in the year, they will be ready to fit into the training plans readily.

Sterilization Bill Will Go to Third Reading

The sterilization bill will go to third reading in the senate, an adverse minority report signed by Senator Dennis of the committee on medicine, dentistry and pharmacy being defeated yesterday.

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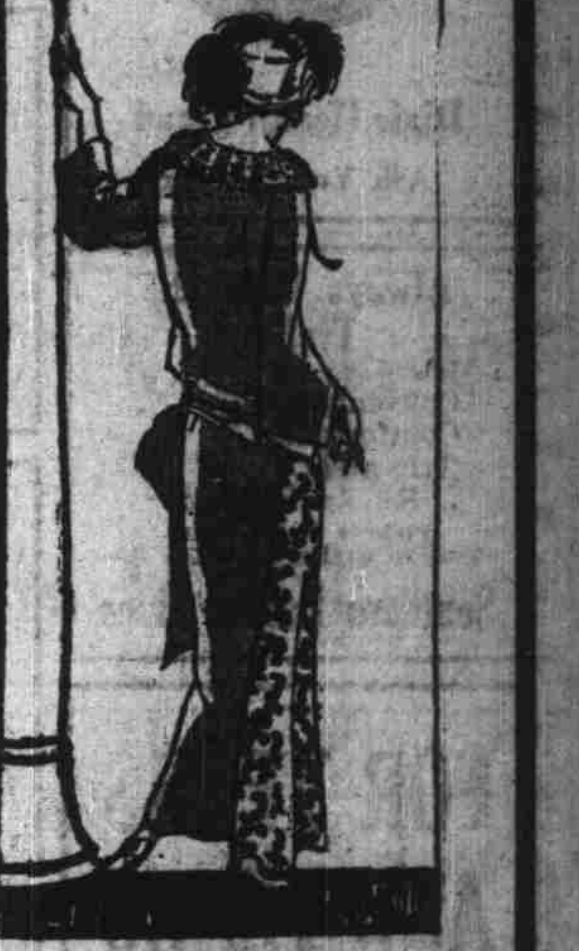
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