

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adèle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER 292

THE COURSE MADGE TOOK WHEN GRACE DRAPER FACED HER

If I had followed my first impulse I should have fled shrieking down the stairs at the sudden appearance of Grace Draper in the house I was inspecting with a view to its purchase. All my old aversion to the girl, my very real terror of her, swept over me until I found myself as near utter panic as I ever had been in my life.

But pride, that most potent of stimulants, came to my rescue. Of all people in the world, this woman was the one before whom I could least afford to show any sign of a white feather. Unthinkable that she should see me quail even for an instant. I summoned every bit of will power I possessed, and spoke to her coolly, steadily.

"Ah! Miss Draper, is it not? I hardly recognized you at first. But your voice hasn't changed." I had spoken only the simple truth, but with any other woman than the one before me I would have tactfully refrained from commenting upon the marked alteration in her appearance. But there was no room in my heart for truth toward Grace Draper, and I am afraid there was meanness enough in my soul at that instant to rejoice at the change which had come to her.

Grace Draper Had Changed.

For she was no longer the vision of beauty which Dicky had so admired in the first year of our marriage when she had been the model for so many of his illustrations. At that time her beauty had been faultless, and I had always felt myself at a marked disadvantage beside her. But even the few years since then, though they had touched her lightly enough, had decidedly aged her, probably because of the combination with them of a code of life far removed from mine, and of penalties which she had suffered for her crimes.

She was still attractive, her figure was still lithe, but it had her features were far too thin, while the brilliant coloring which of old was one of her chief attractions had been replaced by rouge. I guessed that beneath it was an unbecoming pallor, materially detracting from her old charm. There was a hardness, a touch of cheap vulgarity about her also, which made her only a caricature of the woman she once had been. But her lustrous dark eyes were still beautiful, full of unquenchable fire and spirit. But despite them, however, my old jealousy of the girl slipped from me to my eyes. I no doubt had cause to fear her, but in this moment's concentrated gaze at her I knew that never could Dicky be attracted by her again. I knew, also, without vanity that the tables had turned, and that now I had the advantage of her in personal appearance.

That she realized the same truth as she looked at me—nay, more, knew that I had seen it also—was evident in the sudden turning of her lips back over her teeth, while into her eyes for a fleeting second there came the expression of something catlike preparing to spring.

Linda—"a Good Scout."

How I ever held my ground before that look I do not know, but stand motionless I did, looking calmly into her eyes. But when the savage look faded and was replaced by something inscrutable, I knew that nothing in my action had changed her intention. She had forced herself into passivity.

"It is hardly to be expected that I should be unaltered, is it?" she asked with a little smile, which, in spite of my aversion to her, I had to admit was full of genuine pathos. "Prison life is not generally conducive to the preservation of one's attractiveness."

I turned involuntarily toward the woman who had admitted me into the house, wondering that Grace Draper should speak of this chapter in her life before her. But she was no longer to be seen, and the woman opposite me laughed lightly at my gesture.

"Oh, Linda is a good scout!" she said. "She won't listen to anything not intended for her ears. Besides, she knows all about me. I knew her years ago before she was married, and we kept up a sort of friendship ever since, enough so that I was able to use her to get you here. I know you wouldn't want the house, but it seemed a very plausible way of seeing you. I must admit that the various guardians of your welfare are very devoted and strictly on the job."

There was a distinct sneer in her voice, but I gained the impression that it was almost subconscious, that she was striving to appear friendly, whether or not with some sinister purpose I could not ascertain. But I resolved to be wary.

Her next words were an abrupt question.

"What have you finally decided about the letter I sent you?"

I had expected the question, but I knew that I was not yet ready to answer it. I glanced quickly, furtively around the hall in which we were standing. She was between me and the stairway, but I spoke as nonchalantly as though the knowledge of that fact had not sent a little apprehensive thrill through me.

"I am rather tired," I said, "and you do not look strong. Suppose we sit down in some place where we can talk more comfortably."

(To be continued.)

Irrigation District Files Complaint Here

The Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation district, located in Malheur county, has filed with the public service commission a complaint against the Idaho Power company, demanding that the company not be allowed to carry out its threat to cut off power from the district on April 30. The company has notified the district officials that the power is to be cut off because of failure of the district to pay for it. In its complaint the district asks that an immediate payment not be required for a continuation of the service. The project contains 6,000 acres.

COMING



Rucker and Perrin—Two of the principal Comedians with "Strutting Along."

UPPERCLASS FLUNK DAY IS OBSERVED

Seniors and Juniors of Willamette Spend Entire Day in High Hills

"Senior Flunk" was observed in force Wednesday in Willamette university. It was also "Junior Flunk," when everybody of these two classes hit out for the tall hills. They weren't all quite courageous or wasteful enough to do it, but about 50 made up a party that drove out to the hills near Mehama for a whole day of the outdoors. They started at 5 in the morning and got back at a little after 10 o'clock at night. They prepared their own breakfast out on the camp grounds at about 8 o'clock with boiled eggs, coffee, salad, oranges and sandwiches. The dinner menu was broiled beefsteak with ashes; baked beans and pie. For supper they ate the last of every thing, supplemented by wafers. Prof. and Mrs. Erickson, Prof. Robert Gatke and Dean Frances

Richards were chaperones to see that the class flunk was a success. The day was spent in long hikes, in baseball, stunt athletics, singing, and a general good time.

NEW CORPORATIONS

A permit to operate in Oregon was issued by the state corporation department yesterday to the Eastern Outfitting company of Astoria, Or., a California corporation capitalized at \$100,000. Al Shapiro, of Astoria, is named as attorney-in-fact for Oregon.

The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday: Freeland Table company, Portland; incorporators, John G. Morrison, Lauren H. Freeland, Bernard W. Parker; capitalization \$20,000.

Stewart-Schneider company, Portland; incorporators C. W. Stewart, C. W. Schneider, Geo. E. Walker; capitalization \$5000; merchandise.

Notice of increase in capitalization from \$25,000 to \$50,000 was filed by the Umpqua Valley Canning company.

Supplementary articles of incorporation were filed by the Rogers Contract company of Portland, changing the name to Pacific Contract company.

OLD RESIDENTS GUESTS MONDAY

Most Venerable People in Salem Will Dine With Chamber of Commerce

At the Monday noon luncheon the Chamber of Commerce is to observe Champeog day, the anniversary of the founding of the American government of Oregon, at Champeog. It wanted to get the two oldest settlers in Salem; the two oldest people born in Salem, and at least two sons or daughters of the pioneers who signed up for "the divide" at Champeog 80 years ago.

Oliver Beers, son of Alanson Beers, a signer and the first secretary of the empire of the north-west, is one of the guests. He is 78 years of age. Abner Lewis is 77 years old. His father, Reuben Lewis, was one of the signers.

Mrs. Melinda Wade was born in 1846, and came to Salem in 1850, or 73 years ago. Mrs. Riley Small was born in 1841, and came to Salem in 1852. She is the mother of Mrs. George J. Pierce of Salem. Mrs. Catherine Pugh, living at 583 North Winter, mother of Dave Pugh of the West Side Gravel company, was born in 1840, and came to Salem in 1853, just 70 years ago.

But here's the oldest-timer of them all—Uncle Joseph Baker, living at 393 North Liberty. He was born in 1839, and came to Salem in 1849. He started in that year at the old Oregon Institute, which is now Willamette university. He is believed to be the oldest living student of Willamette. He has been sheriff and held other public offices in Mar-

ion county and his interesting early-day experiences would fill a book.

Judge P. H. D'Arcy, who has lived for 64 years in the same house and on the same lot and block in North Salem where the family first settled 64 years ago, is to be one of the guests. The city council some time ago had a plan for revising the voting precincts and wards of the city but because of the D'Arcy record of still being a part of the original precinct and ward bearing the label No. 1, they didn't make the change. They might, if he were to sell or pass on; but he is so well anchored and so hearty that another generation at least is likely to pass before he tells the boys to go ahead—he doesn't care any longer.

If there are any other older Oregonians than these named the club is looking for them as its guests Monday noon.

Freight Rate Cuts Are Announced By Railroad

Freight rate cuts of from 25 to 40 per cent, effective May 10, have been announced by the Mt. Hood Railroad company in a schedule filed with the public service commission. The road operates between Hood River and Parkdale, and while one of the smallest lines in the state its rate cut is important because of the large amount of local produce carried over the line.

The rate on cordwood is reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.50 a cord. Flour and mill stuff is reduced about 40 per cent. The rate on livestock shipments is reduced from \$33 to \$20 a car, and hay from 14 cents to 10 cents a hundred. Potatoes are reduced from 12 1/2 to 10 cents a hundred on a carload of 30,000 pounds, making a difference of about \$75 on a carload.

The reductions are voluntary, as far as the public service commission is concerned.

LIVESLEY TO HAVE COSTLY RESIDENCE

Salem Man Announces Plans For Dwelling to Cost Over \$65,000

T. A. Livesley, Salem hop grower and dealer, announces plans for the construction of a home on Fairmount hill, Salem, that will cost over \$65,000. It will be after the English manor type and will be over 100 feet in length. The location will be on Lincoln street.

Among the features of the home will be a pipe organ and billiard rooms. There will be a sun room 13 by 19 feet on the ground floor, a drawing room 60 by 19, dining room 18 by 26, living room 20 by 20, spacious breakfast room and large receiving hall.

The kitchen will be in a wing at the rear. Second floor plans call for nine bedrooms and six baths, each bedroom to have separate dressing rooms. Maid's quarters will be above the kitchen with two bedrooms. On the premises tennis courts and a swimming pool are planned.

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