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MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 69

THE WAY MADGE AVOIDED A QUARREL WITH DICKY.

Irritation at Dicky topped my astonishment at his astuteness of perception concerning my unwillingness to leave the Cogrove farmhouse before Bess Dean's departure.

I reverted mentally to an almost forgotten epithet of my little girl school days, told myself that he was decidedly "smarty" in his exhibition of mind reading. To show him that he was mistaken I would have given much, and in the attempt said the first thing that came into my head.

"If you had permitted me to finish my sentence," I said with mendacious dignity, "you would have learned that not Miss Dean, but your sister, Elizabeth, is the real reason for my wishing to delay in going home."

His face darkened. I knew the look. It was the "in-law" glance worn by most husbands and wives when the relatives upon the "other side" are being discussed. I am not so sure that my own face had not unconsciously assumed it.

"What's the matter with Lisa?" he demanded. "She's always been pretty decent to you."

"I'll Wire Her—"

"Is that to be counted an especial star in her crown of rejoicing?" I retorted. "But, as it happens, I'm not denying her kindness and forbearance to an outsider. I'm simply looking at things in a common-sense way. You know very well that with Elizabeth and William and four children there, it will be most confusing for us to come in upon them. Mother and Katie will be fit to be tied."

I hurried nervously through my last words, for I was a trifle ashamed of the reference I had made to an old grudge of mine.

When Dicky and I were married, his mother and his sisters had been decidedly cool and lofty, with the evident attitude that the idolized male of the family had made a mesalliance. All three of them in the years since then had tried to atone for their lack of cordiality, but I never had felt that Elizabeth's contrition was sincere.

My mother-in-law I had grown to love sincerely, and I felt distinct affection and admiration for Harriet Braithwaite, Dicky's elder sister. But Elizabeth Harrison—to outward appearance the sweetest-tempered, most placid of the three women—always had affected me adversely, and in my inmost heart I knew that I never had forgiven her for those long past slights, although I had tried to keep my feeling from my husband's knowledge as much as it was in feminine nature to do.

Dicky sprang to his feet, crossed the room, and towered above me, frowning.

"Commend me to a woman for digging old grudges from their graves," he said scathingly. "But if your sensitive soul is so wrung by the prospect of Lisa's proximity, why there is nothing more to be said. I'll wire her that you'd like to have her clear out before you get there."

A Tense Moment.

That in a sudden gust of anger Dicky would be perfectly capable

of doing the preposterous thing he had suggested I well knew. And I thoroughly appreciated the necessity of turning his anger in some other direction, or diverting him to good humor if it were possible to do so.

"Commend me to a man for twisting innocent remarks to suit his own convenience!" I retorted. "Because I am planning to save confusion, guard your mother from worry, and, incidentally, to keep you—the one who would most dislike the confusion—from a distasteful experience, you fly into a passion and plan to send an insulting message like that to your sister. As for this sudden hurry to go home, don't think you are misleading me. I am perfectly well aware that there will be no especial attraction for you here after Bess Dean goes home."

I stopped abruptly, breathless, a trifle terrified, and bravely suppressing a desire to laugh. For Dicky's face was a study in bewilderment.

It is my pride that I have always kept any jealousy under such rigid control that Dicky could have no possible knowledge save his own keen intuitions that it existed. And I had no need of suppressing any feeling concerning Bess Dean save a possible amazement at her audacity. That Dicky had fathomed my attitude toward her I was sure, and I appreciated to the full the bewildered surprise which was his at my outburst.

"Well, I'll be eternally boiled in oil if you aren't the outside limit!" he gasped. "Do you mean to tell me that you've taken seriously—"

Something in my eyes must have betrayed me. He stopped short and looked at me steadily. Then, with a chuckle, he seized me by the shoulders and shook me with a burlesqued energy, his good humor palpably restored.

"You little devil!" he said. "I've had nothing on you for getting out of a slippery situation. 'Because you were peeved at me for mind-reading your desire to let Bess Dean fly the coop first, you drag Lisa in. Then, when you're afraid I'll spill the beans in that direction, you switch back and try to make me believe you're jealous. Darn it! I'd like to make you red-headed, crazy-jealous of me just once. But you're too cold-bloodedly Puritan for that.'"

(To Be Continued)

Silverton Christian Church Holds Meeting

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The annual fellowship dinner and business meeting was held at the Christian church of Silverton Monday evening.

The treasurer's report showed a surplus of some over \$200 in the treasury. The church receipts for the past year amounted to around \$3000. Rev. J. A. Bennett reported that the first volunteer missionary band was now started. It included Miss Muriel Webb, Miss Lolo McClung, Miss Mary Egan, Miss Reta Rahn.

Action was taken and plans begun for a special meeting to be held sometime during March or April.

Reports showed that during the seven years which Rev. J. A. Bennett has been at Silverton 258 new members were added to the Christian church. Of these 22 became members during 1923.

Officers elected for the coming year are: treasurer, D. J. Murphy; financial secretary, Frank Rahn; clerk, Mrs. Mary Egan; board of trustees; S. F. Conrad, D. E. Geiser, L. F. Maecher; deacons, D. E. Geiser, S. Rahn, Lloyd Fry, Lester Geer, E. Young, Edward Geer, W. H. Jones, and W. H. Sawyer; elders, O. M. Murphy, H. Good, Iris Loren, and E. G. Ode; Sunday school superintendent, Gordon McCall.

McADOO HITS PLAN PROPOSED BY MELLON

(Continued from page 1) will be encouraged to invest in new enterprises, which, it is alleged, are suffering since the capital of the wealthy classes is being withdrawn from productive effort and invested in tax-exempt securities in order to escape taxation.

Reasoning Wrong. "This reasoning is not only fallacious, but is unsupported by

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facts. Investments in tax exempt securities are much smaller than is commonly supposed. For the year ending Dec. 31, 1922, 12,000 inheritance tax returns were filed with the internal revenue bureau at Washington. The total value of the estates represented by those returns was in round numbers \$2,379,000,000. Only three and fifty-nine one hundredths per cent of the entire value of these estates was invested in wholly tax exempt bonds, and only seven and sixty-one one hundredths per cent was invested in wholly tax exempt and partially tax exempt bonds, such as Liberty bonds. From these returns it would not appear that the ex-

isting high surtaxes on big incomes has driven an undue share of investment capital into wholly and partially tax exempt securities, nor does the claim of the treasury seem justified that a re-

duction in the surtaxes on big incomes from 50 per cent to 25 per cent as proposed, would materially decrease the amount of investments going into wholly and partially tax exempt securities under existing conditions. "The fact that capital seeking wholly tax exempt investments will find them whether the surtaxes are reduced to the lower level proposed by the Mellon plan or not."

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