

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

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REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 187.

THE STRANGE CODE KATHERINE STROVE TO INTERPRET.

There was a little pardonable triumph in Katherine's eyes as she replied to Lillian's discovery that she had known the language of the man in the hospital.

"Yes, I could understand them, all right," she said. "I thought perhaps I would be able to when you told me about them, but I didn't dare tell you for fear of holding out false hopes. There are so many dialects in all those tongues, you know. But I've always had a sort of knack at languages, and in the hospitals over there I was able to pick up a sort of working knowledge of a number of them. So it was easy for me to understand these chaps, except when their tones were very low. You see, I was careful to keep a little distance from them with my back turned part of the time, and pretend to be busy with several things. I thought you would want me to play safe on that score, especially if I am to go on with Joe out of the hospital."

She paused and looked inquir-

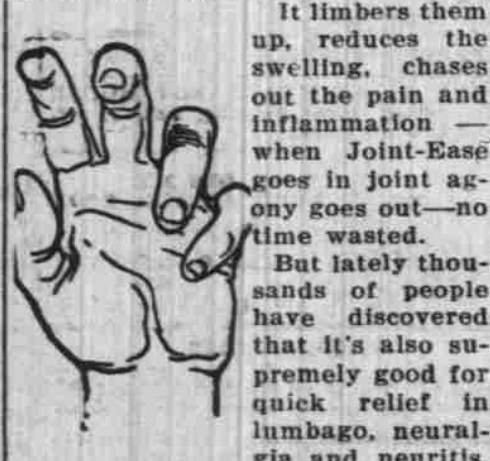
ingly at Lillian, who nodded an emphatic assent.

"Of course," she said. "That's the vital thing, to be sure he has no suspicion of you. If I can once get you inside of the home to which I'm very sure he's to be taken I'll ask nothing else of fate for at least three-quarters of an hour. But go on."

"They went through a lot of preliminary stuff, Anton asking all about Joe's accident, and Joe describing it in detail. They were clever enough to do most of this in Broken English, and were even

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foxy enough to explain to me that they had to talk in their own language sometimes, because Anton couldn't understand very well."

"That's because Smith wanted to over-emphasize the fact that he is alien," Lillian commented.

"I imagined so," Katherine returned. "And then they got down to business in their own tongue, of course. It was queer to see how their relations changed the minute they stopped speaking what they called English. Before, they ostensibly had been equals, but in their own tongue it was plainly to be seen that Anton was in command. Joe the very humble subordinate."

"Did You Get It?"

"And a very arrogant commander. Anton, or I miss my guess," Lillian interrupted.

"Exactly. In fact, if I hadn't known what a rascal Joe was I should have felt sorry for him. Anton gave him a most thorough raking over for daring to get hurt. He reminded him that time was everything, and that this accident had delayed them a lot. Then he asked this question—'Did you get it?'"

Lillian sat tensely forward in her chair, and I knew that this question, obscure to me, meant much to her.

Katherine's lips quirked into a little smile as she went on.

"I've heard some pretty stiff swearing in my time," she said, "with men coming out of delirium and all, but I never heard Anton's efforts equalled, at Joe's sullen reply to the effect that the girl—evidently Katie—had the object, whatever it was, that Anton wished, and had promised to bring it to him on the evening he was hurt. Joe added, with some extra vicious epithets against Katie, that he knew she still had the object—"

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they both called the thing 'it'—because she would be afraid to give it to any one but himself.

Katherine Takes Notes.

"When Anton finished his cursing, and he uttered it in the lowest, most sullen tones possible—no one who didn't understand the language would dream he was angry—he demanded Katie's name and address, saying he would not fail as Joe had. And, honestly girl, he made my blood run cold at the smiling way he repeated 'Graham' when Joe told him where Katie worked. He certainly has it in for your family."

The lines around Lillian's mouth seemed deeper, but she made no comment except to say with a faint trace of impatience:

"We must start home as soon as you've finished, Katherine."

"The rest of the interview was the most unintelligible stuff imaginable," Katherine said slowly. "I'm sure it was code mostly, and how I wished I had Madge there behind a screen. She could have remembered it, but all I could do was to interrupt them when they began it, take Joe's temperature and respiration and pulse, and then make a great pretense of filling in my chart and writing a letter. I was able to get some of it, although I could not follow it all, being in a different tongue. And it is certainly odd. A lot of it seems based on the multiplication table said wrongly—for instance, at one place Anton said, 'three times eight are twenty-seven,' and Joe came back with 'six times sixteen are nine.'"

Lillian sprang to her feet with as near excitement as I ever had seen in her.

"I've heard of that," she said tensely. "Let me see your notes, please."

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PLANTS RELEASE 20,000 WORKERS

Report By Commissioner Gram Summarizes Labor Situation in Oregon

During the present spring about 20,000 men have been released from employment in camps and mills in the northwest, with a consequent drop in wages, says a report on conditions made yesterday by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. This slump in conditions was not looked for until the winter was well over. A gradual betterment of conditions is now looked for during the remainder of the year.

The labor situation is indicated by the placements reported by licensed employment agencies for the first five months of this year, which totaled 24,559, as compared with placements during the first five months of last year, which totaled 41,920.

For the timber occupations wages has dropped an average of 65 cents a day for May, as compared with last December, or on a monthly basis with board the drop has been about \$8.46 a month.

The report says: "Employment conditions continued better than usual until the winter was well over. Reports indicate the first half of February production of lumber to be 23 per cent above normal. Forty per cent of the lumber produced moved by water. The combined value of exports for the month

of February reached \$3,741,986. For the same month last year they aggregated \$1,931,926, and for the corresponding month in 1922, \$2,902,198. This activity in shipping had a steady effect on the employment situation in mid-winter and several hundred extra men found employment at longshore work along the Columbia river.

"In the same month things things pointed to a banner building year from the fact that during the first 15 days of February building permits for residences in Portland showed an increase of 87 per cent, as compared with the same period of last year. With a steady demand for construction labor to complete the Southern Pacific extension beyond Oakridge, everything indicated that during 1924 labor would be gainfully employed.

"In March the logging and lumbering industries were showing signs of uneasiness and a program of curtailment of production was necessary. It became apparent that the country was not going to require as much lumber as it did in 1923. California will purchase less lumber in 1924 than it did either in 1922 or 1923. By the month of May the program of curtailment of lumber production as estimated resulted in a reduction of 25 per cent in the number of men employed in mills and logging camps. In the northwest probably 20,000 men were released from employment in camp and mills. These men entered into competition with other classes of workers but all could not be absorbed and with the oversupply of labor the consequent drop in wages followed.

In resistance a few minor strikes resulted.

"The drought and foot and mouth disease in California have had a depressing effect in Oregon. The transportation companies felt it to such an extent that a large number of employes were temporarily released from employment."

PICNIC ENJOYED
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