

# MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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## CHAPTER 363

### THE WAY KATIE SOLVED THE PICTURE PROBLEM

If any one had told me that the sight of my small son running confidently to meet me would ever be an unwelcome sight, I would have laughed scornfully. But when he trotted into the living room where I was parrying the questions of the reporters concerning Dicky's escapade, carrying in his tiny hands the torn photograph of Claire Foster which I was so anxious to keep from them, I had but one obessing thought, how most quickly

and unobtrusively to get him out of the room again.

"Ma-ma mend pieber for Dooner," he reiterated, and I realized with dismay that he was holding the torn piece, face upward, and that I could distinctly see the inscription upon it. But I had read it before, and my only hope lay in the difficulty of Claire Foster's sprawling chirography to one unfamiliar with it. I must get the photograph away from him, unobtrusively, with no apparent desire to hide it, but as speedily as possible.

"Yes. Mother will mend it," I said with careless indifference. "Bring it here." I turned to the reporters with a banal attempt at facetiousness. "I sometimes think my son is destined for the career of a junk man, for he is perpetually bringing me torn things to mend."

A sharp little cry from Junior, and the sound of a fall interrupted me. I turned to find him sprawling on the floor, unhurt, but with the fragments of the photograph strewn upon the ground. And beside him, stooping over him, raising him to his feet was the hateful figure of Mr. H. Edouard Smythe.

#### An Unexpected Interruption.

I knew as well as if I had seen him do it, that in some furtive, cunning manner that young man had tripped the little chap, and that in another second or two, under pretense of returning the torn photograph, he would have seen it and the bizarre inscription upon it. I knew only too well that his version of the incident would be in print were he permitted to write it—that he would depict me as having torn the photograph and thrown it away in a rage. He would even bring my baby boy and his finding of the fragments into the story.

If I rushed to the picture instead of going directly to my boy I might as well advertise the fact that it was something I did not wish seen. The thing seemed

hopeless from either angle, and my feet seemed leaden as they advanced toward my little lad, who was already laughing back his tears in his adorably same fashion.

"That's the brave little man," young Mr. Smythe said fulsomely as he set Junior on his feet, and then hastily stooped toward the picture fragments. "And here are—"

He never finished the sentence. Something which must have seemed to him all flashing eyes, flying hair and whirlwind arms, but which I recognized as Katie, pushed him to one side so efficiently that he sat down hard upon the polished floor.

"Please Parden—"

"You old, bunch of soup greens!" she shrieked, "you trip oop my babe, I feex you. Coom babe, coom to Katie. She feex your picber."

With incredible swiftness and deftness she gathered up the pieces of photograph with her left hand, lifted Junior with her strong right arm, and bore him triumphantly out of the room. As she disappeared, Lillian strolled negligently through the door, and I realized whose was the quick wit which had sent Katie into the room with her program of devastation for young Mr. Smythe.

With a look of malevolence in his ferret eyes, that youth was scrambling to his feet. I caught a quick, flashing look between Miss Cargill and Mr. Rickett, and guessed that they were deeply grieved over the predicament of their colleague. But I also knew that their keen eyes and trained perceptions had not missed the meaning of the picture incident, and I cast about for something with which to ward off possible questions concerning it or at least to gain time to think an answer out.

I felt about as much like apologizing to young Mr. Smythe for Katie's behavior as I would have enjoyed inviting an educated hyena to tea, but I forced myself to turn to him with a deprecatory smile.

"Please pardon the impetuosity of my maid, Mr. Smythe," I said suavely. "She is devoted to the little boy, and given to the most exaggerated notions concerning him. And when she saw him fall so unexpectedly, for he is unusually sure-footed, she must have seized upon the absurd notion that you had tripped him."

I raised my eyelids suddenly as I finished, and looked at him

steadily as I used to look at unruly boys in my school classes. And though he returned the stare boldly, and his shoulders swayed, he insolently, yet the triumphant air he had put on when Katie so deftly floored him, slowly vanished, and I saw that in this one angle of the tense unspoken controversy between us I had scored. But I did not underestimate the arrows he still had in his quiver. (To Be Continued)

## ORATORY FLOW AIDS VETO BILL

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Eddy, endorsing the stand taken by President Coolidge relative to the Muscle Shoals power project was also passed.

Twenty bills were introduced in the house. These are as follows: HB 63, by Mr. Russell—To amend Sec. 9, Chap. 55 Oregon laws relating to salary of Yamhill county meat and herd inspector. HB 69, by Mr. McAllister—For eradication and control of bovine tuberculosis and other livestock diseases.

HB 70, by Mr. German—Repealing Sec. 1192 Oregon laws, pertaining to taxes on estates and inheritance.

HB 71, by Mr. Hammond—Authorizing state board of control

to execute John T. Apperson will. HB 72, by Mr. Rushlight—To repeal Sections 3354, 3861 of Chap. 24 Oregon laws.

HB 73, by Mr. Rushlight—Providing for registration of plumbers.

HB 74, by Mr. A. R. Hunter and Senator Dennis—For acquiring site and building of armory at La Grande.

HB 75, by Mr. Woodward—To amend Sec. 5140 Oregon laws, relating to qualifications of voters at school meetings and elections.

HB 76, by Mr. King—To amend Sec. 3599 Oregon laws, pertaining to salaries of Coos county officers.

HB 77, by Multnomah county delegation—Amending Sec. 3312 Oregon laws, providing for funds of interstate bridge.

HB 78, by Multnomah delegation—Bill authorizing refund to Multnomah county by interstate bridge commission.

HB 79, by Mr. Heindle—Amending Sec. 4974 Oregon laws, pertaining to election of county school superintendents in certain counties.

HB 80, by Mr. Bartlett—To amend Sec. 7300 Oregon laws of 1920 pertaining to election of officers in irrigation districts.

HB 81, by senate and house delegation of Washington county,

creating office of meat and herd inspector of Washington county.

HB 82, by Mr. Bratcher—To amend Sec. 10,337 Oregon laws, pertaining to labor liens on saw-logs and flumber.

HB 83, by Mr. Lonergan—To amend Sections 300 and 303 Oregon laws, pertaining to execution of writs by sheriffs.

HB 84, by Mr. Woodward, for relief of Mrs. Isabella T. Geer.

HB 85, by judiciary committee—To amend Oregon primary law.

HB 86, by Mr. Gordon—Appropriating money for college and school house, etc., for W.C.T.U. farm home at Corvallis.

HB 87, by Southern Oregon delegations, house and senate—Providing for permanent support and maintenance of Southern Oregon normal school at Ashland.

Saginaw News-Courier—Regarding those attacks of hiccups. Has the attention of the Anti-Saloon League been called to them?

## School Superintendent Election May Be Changed

A bill dividing the scope of work of the county and school superintendent in Multnomah county was introduced yesterday as H. R. No. 79 by F. J. Meindl, of Portland.

The measure provides that county school superintendents in counties with 200,000 population or more or having one city of 100,000 population or more, have jurisdiction over schools in such parts of the county as lie outside the city limits and must be elected by the voters outside the city limits. In such counties the city school superintendent shall have the same power as the county superintendent, only in the city.

The bill is applicable only to Multnomah county and Portland and will not change the status of superintendents throughout the state.

Congratulatory showers have been tendered two popular young women, the Misses Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Pierce, and Gertrude A. Paradin, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Paradin, who are soon to become the brides of Leverett Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bailey.—Boston Traveler.

Nowadays, it's a small town indeed that hasn't had a murder mystery.

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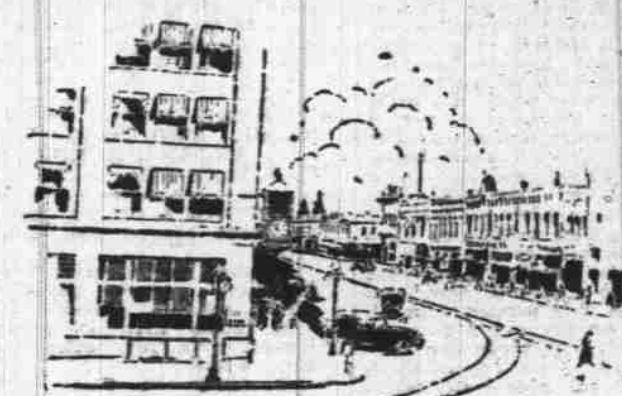
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