

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER 384

THE PROMISE MADGE MANAGED TO EXTRACT FROM DICKY

I saw one thing very clearly as I followed the hurrying veranda tables to the living room. I must please Mrs. Barker, soften her attitude toward Dicky, or my whole well-laid scheme of alienating gossip concerning the harmless, but bizarre escapade of Dicky and Claire Foster would fall to the ground.

From the brief encounter I had had with her I had recognized a type of woman I had seen before but rarely. She had extremely strong convictions and prejudices, some of them narrow, but Mrs. Barker was not petty, and the principles governing her life were as strong as her prejudices, and as big as her heart. If I could only sound the right note of ap-

peal to her I would find her a valuable ally to my scheme.

But woe betide me if I tried to deceive her. Her outburst to me, "But I don't understand you!" and her verbal-tongue-lashing of Dicky had shown me that she was not misled by the ingenious role I had attempted with her, while her delicacy in hurrying away that she might not witness my meeting with Claire Foster had confirmed my impression that any number of unfamed equines could not wrest from her anything told her in confidence.

"Play Up, Now."'

There was but one thing to do, to lay my cards unreservedly upon the table between us and appeal to the justice and warm-heartedness I sensed behind her grim exterior.

But first I must get hold of Dicky. I could not afford to let his uncertain temper—my rather, upon this occasion—his bad temper, spoil my plans. I accelerated my pace, and was amused to see that the women ahead of me, evidently noticing the increased tempo of my footsteps, hastened their own, so that when they reached the living room door they were fairly scurrying like fat breathless rabbits.

I walked past them with no indication that I had seen them, and went down the steps to where Dicky stood moodily smoking. I put one hand on his arm for the benefit of the veranda audience, augmented now by the three re-

porters standing in a little group away from the others.

"I want you to promise me something," I said in so low a voice that I knew even the taxi drivers standing near us could not hear me.

"If it's about that cat of a Barker or woman—" he growled, but he was as careful as I to keep his voice low and I interrupted ruthlessly.

"It's just that," I said evenly. "And all I ask of you is to keep out of the way for a few minutes, and when you do come in to dinner, act as if nothing had happened. I'll manage her, but I simply cannot have you upset things for me."

He waited a sulky minute before answering.

Madge Has Good Luck

"Oh, all right," he said sullenly at last. "I'll keep my tongue between my teeth, but I'll probably choke in the attempt. But I warn you. I'm not going to stay in the old beldame's house tonight, so if you don't want a taxi bill which will bankrupt us, you'd better hurry things up."

"Play up now," I whispered. Then I said in my normal voice, "I won't be long," and I let the veranda audience have the full benefit of a tender little pat on the arm, and an airy little wave of the hand as I left him.

Dicky "played up" to the extent of a debonair answering gesture, and I mounted the steps, well pleased with the completeness of my first task.

Miss Cargill's smiling nod as I came up the steps clinched a decision I had made when I had seen Claire Foster. I went up to the group of three and said in low, decisive tones.

"Miss Foster, Mr. Graham and I are going to have supper in the dining room in a very few minutes. It would be too much for Miss Foster to see you three, but if Miss Cargill can represent you all, I am sure we will all be pleased to give through her any information you need to finish this absurd affair."

"That will be bully," Mr. Rickett exclaimed.

"You are very kind. Thank you so much," Miss Cargill murmured. But young Mr. Smythe turned on his heels loftily ignoring me. I knew, however, that he would not come near us after the encounter of the morning, and I went on into the house, hoping that my luck would continue with Mrs. Barker.

I found her in the dining room, placing a bountiful supper upon the table. Her back looked compromising, and her face as she turned it upon me when she heard my footsteps, was dark and forbidding.

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HOME AND KITCHEN SUGGESTIONS

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rice with cream and sugar, as well as all other cooked cereals, fat meats and sweets make up the preferred diet list for those who are underweight. However, green salads and fruits should be eaten generously, for in one's ardor to gain, one sometimes overloads the digestive system and clogs up the avenues of elimination.

A good plan to follow is this, if you who desire to reduce find yourself becoming unpleasantly hungry, drink a glass of buttermilk between meals or before going to bed, while rice with cream and sugar, between meals, is just the thing for those trying to add to their weight. Rice is rich in carbohydrates and at the same time easily digested, passing out of the stomach within one hour, under ordinary conditions.

To keep dresses from slipping off hangers, wrap ordinary rubber bands several times around ends. This successfully holds dresses in place.

If your young toddler insists on following you each time you step outside the door, have a hook placed on the outside of your screen door or the storm door, so it can be latched from the outside, as well as inside, and so keep the adventurous youngster safe.

In preparing cold-slaw an excellent substitute for vinegar is the juice from sweet pickle, and the addition of a cup of black walnuts gives it an entirely new flavor and is delicious.

When cooking cereal which must remain in double boiler overnight, turn one cup of cold water over it just before leaving. This will prevent any hard crust forming on top. In the morning the water may be turned off.

When whipping cream is expensive or unavailable, whip the white of an egg into your salad dressing instead of cream. It's delicious.

To freshen stale cake dip it for a moment in sweet milk, and reheat it in a moderate oven; it will be like freshly baked.

For crisp pork take an old wire toaster and lay across the top of the pan in which beans are to be baked. Slice pork down as far as the rind and lay across wires. The grease cooks out of the pork and drips down into the beans, leaving the pork crisp, but not hard.

If they speak of her efficiency, she remembers sadly that she has laughed for seven years without getting a husband.

Correct this sentence: "I threatened to quit," said the man; "and you should have seen how the boss caved in."

LEAVE INSURANCE LAW ALONE ADVISED

House Bill 305 in the Legislature Would Bring Injury to State if Passed

(The following letter is self-explanatory, and would not have been written excepting upon conviction that the situation calls for it.)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 12, 1925

Hon. John Coffey, Chairman Insurance Committee of House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon—

Dear Sir:—The following facts are submitted for consideration of the house committee on insurance in connection with house bill No. 305, introduced by Rep. Hale of Washington county. This bill proposes to repeal section 6420 of Oregon, which section provides the conditions under which mutual fire insurance companies of other states can be licensed in Oregon and which prescribes the qualifications of such companies, which are to have at least \$200,000 assets of which not less than \$100,000 must be net surplus, over and above all liabilities to entitle them to be licensed.

"The first law providing for the admission of such companies to Oregon was passed in 1903. Since which time a number of strong mutual fire companies of other states have been licensed, and have been doing business in Oregon."

"It would seem to be within the province of this committee to make a careful inquiry, to ascertain what, if any, class or classes of property owners and in what section or sections of the state such property owners reside who are now demanding the doors of the state to be closed to mutual fire insurance companies of other states which can qualify under section 6420 which the bill proposes to repeal."

"This class of companies since the laws of Oregon have permitted them to be licensed have assumed many millions of dollars of risks for Oregon property owners and have paid to them hundreds of thousands of dollars in fire losses. We know of no instance where these companies have failed to promptly meet their obligations. Certainly no good reason can be given for denying to the people of the state of Oregon the privilege of insuring in mutual companies of other states when such companies are legally licensed in this state under laws which it

must be admitted properly insure the financial strength and responsibility of such companies. In the face of the situation we can see no good reason for any demand for the repeal of this law, for mutual fire insurance companies of other states to render them eligible to license in Oregon are such that, as far as we are advised, no mutual fire insurance company which could have qualified under the Oregon laws has ever failed or levied an extra assessment to its policy holders. We believe that careful consideration of the interests of the people of the state will result in the unanimous decision of your committee to report adversely on the bill in question and that it will recommend that the bill do not pass. Yours very truly,

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Salem Boy Is Contender in Champion Boxing at OAC

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 13.—L. H. Pritchett of Salem is one of the principal contenders for the 135-pound weight boxing championships of the school. Elimination contests are being held to determine who will represent the school against North Pacific Dental college February 28.

YWCA to Hold Rummage Sale Commencing Feb. 17

A rummage sale is to be staged by the YWCA February 17 at the United States Bank building in order that they may increase funds necessary in their work. Mrs. W. I. Staley is chairman of the committee in charge.

Reservations have been made with the Business and Professional women's association to take over all goods that they have on hand and to continue the sale in the same quarters that they are now using. The YWCA will add articles of sale to the things left with them.

Clothing, furnishings of all descriptions and other articles that can be sold by the organization are desired.

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All Men Welcome

Subject this week— "How We Got Our Bible"

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Men's Dress Hats \$5.00 and \$6.00 \$3.45	300 SUITS AND 75 Overcoats ON SALE FOR ONE MORE WEEK AT	Boys' 2 Pants Knicker Suits \$6.95 Ages 10 to 17 years
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Men's Button and Slipover Sweaters \$3.85	2 for The Price of 1 PLUS \$2 The Prices Are \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50 and \$60	Men's Dress Shirts Collar Bands 95c

BISHOP'S CLOTHING AND WOOLEN MILLS STORE

Sale of FURNITURE

NOTE: We must have more room to display our new lines of furniture and have decided to remodel and open a basement store. To do this we must unload a number of dining suites and other furniture that is now stored in our basement. If you need furniture now is the time to buy it.

HERE IS ONE SPECIAL

45-in. 6-ft. extension table of quarter sawed oak with six oak chairs to match. Reg. selling price is \$51.20. Special **\$37.75**

BED DAVENPORTS

The Biltwell bed davenport is the only bed davenport on the market that completely opens with one operation. You will find ample room in the Biltwell for your bedding and pillows, no running to the closet when you want to make up the bed. Coverings can be had in any material. (Leather included.)

We have a large selection of bed davenports in many different coverings priced upwards from **\$42.50**

USED GOODS DEPARTMENT

Many pieces of used furniture were taken in during our January Sale. Our refinishing men now have this department in fine shape and those who desire to get an inexpensive piece of furniture, rugs or range will do well to visit this department. Our Liberal credit policy is also featured in this department—just pay a little down and little each month. No interest.

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