

# MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

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## CHAPTER F43

THE REASON MADGE'S "BEST LAID PLAN" WAS BEATEN

Beneath the frothy ripples of little Mrs. Durkee's apparently pliable personality runs a strong current of steady efficiency and common sense. These qualities often surprise those who know her only by the charming, inconsequential things she says and does, and who have heard the nickname "Her Fluffiness," which her son Alfred affectionately calls her.

That she can be quick and resourceful in an emergency, I have long known. And I also have observed that the little woman, the soul of courteous kindness and hospitality, can be unrelenting and stubborn in her dislike of anyone who thwarts the plans of those she loves. She is the cleverest woman I know, however, in masking her displeasure when policy of her inherent fear of giving pain aways her.

Knowing all this, I was not surprised to hear the honeyed accents with which she addressed Bess Dean. I smiled to myself at the tiny sting which she planted in her words for the girl's benefit. But if I had thought that the resourceful audacity of the Bayview high school teacher would be balked by Mrs. Durkee's suggestion of a dinner-tray for Alfred and Lelia upstairs because of Lelia's turned ankle, I was speedily undeceived.

"Of course, Alf will want to eat up there with Lelia," she cried, and she lifted her voice unmistakably—for the benefit of the two upstairs, I was sure. "For that matter, we all will. I'll tell you what, Mother Durkee, we'll just serve dinner upstairs. I'm the best little omnibus in the business. It will be a scrumptious lark!"

What Madge Resolved.

As I mounted the stairs I made the grim little resolve, that if Lelia's injury were enough to keep her upstairs, she should not be disturbed by Bess Dean's chatter. That little Mrs. Durkee would do her Machiavellian best to aid me I was sure, and it was with a fiercely protective feeling that I entered Lelia's wide-open door.

Alfred had deposited her upon the chaise longue and was taking off her hat and coat. Lelia looked at me with a wry little smile as I dropped to my knees beside her and began removing her shoes. "I don't believe this is going to be had at all," she said, and I realized that she had heard Bess

Dean's audacious proposal, and would eat her dinner downstairs, no matter how badly her ankle was injured.

"But when I had taken off her shoe and stocking, and with fingers trained by many household accidents, had run lightly over the swelling, I agreed with Lelia's optimistic diagnosis.

"How's the foot?"

"I'll telephone for the doctor," Alfred said, anxiously, as he tossed Lelia's hat and coat with masculine ruthlessness into a heap on the bed.

"No please," Lelia implored, and I seconded her protest.

"I'm sure that is unnecessary, Alfred," I said decidedly. "This isn't a bad sprain at all, and it won't even be painful when I get it bandaged. Suppose you massage her ankle while I get hot water and bandages."

"Can't I get the things?" he asked with ready courtesy.

"No, I'll be quicker, and as an ex-military man you ought to be a first aid of the most skillful kind."

I hurried out of the room as I finished speaking. I did not intend that he should go roaming around the house in search of the things I wanted, with the practical certainty of encountering Bess Dean. She was perfectly capable of accompanying him back to Lelia's room and harrowing my nervous little friend's nerves with her officiousness and protestations of sympathy.

I tested the water from the hot water trap in the bathroom, found it steaming hot, and rejoiced that I did not have to make a trip to the kitchen. Thanks to Mrs. Durkee's careful housewifery, I found liniment, gauze and bandages in the medicine cabinet without losing any time in the search. And I lost no time in returning to Lelia's room with a basin of hot water and all the other things I needed arranged upon a big tray which careful Mrs. Durkee always keeps in the bathroom for emergency use. Then, with Alfred's aid, I bathed, massaged and bound up the ankle, finished just as Bess Dean appeared at the door of the room.

"How's the foot?" she asked casually, and then turned to Alfred: "Alf, will you help me bring a table up here?"

## GROWERS SEEKING HELP

MORE PICKERS MUST BE OBTAINED IN FIVE DAYS

"Unless more help comes within the next five days local fruit farmers will suffer heavy losses," reports Slim Phillips, head of the local employment bureau.

Yesterday 52 men were placed, but 200 calls went unanswered. As yet the hot weather has done but little damage to the fruit crop, but if it should continue, however, the remainder of the crop will be a total loss.

The Portland bureau has been called on, but as yet little assistance has been given. A number of the men sent to Salem by the Portland office to help with the hay crop have returned to Portland, as they were inexperienced farm hands.

# PEOPLE AND EVENTS SILVERTON

LILLIE L. MADSEN, Statesman Correspondent

SILVERTON, June 24.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Place camp 198, WOW, and Marion circle 214, Neighbors of Woodcraft, held a joint memorial service at the Silvertown cemetery on Sunday afternoon at which time two monuments of former lodge members were unveiled. The first monument at which services were held was that on the grave of Frank Simeral, Lodge Organizer Royal of Salem gave a brief address and a number of men of the lodge took part in the ritualistic work.

The second monument unveiled was on the grave of a former member of Woodcraft, Mary Hansen, Stella Blackaby of Salem acted as guardian neighbor and members of the Woodcraft had charge of the ritualistic work. Members of the families of both Mr. Simeral and Mrs. Hansen were present at the services.

Mrs. Gilbert Benson had charge of the sacred music for the day, which consisted of several numbers by the Christian church choir. Following the unveiling of the monuments the graves of all lodge members were decorated with flowers, there having been a great many brought for that purpose.

A large crowd attended the services, several carloads of people having come over from Salem to be present and take part in the memorial.

Mrs. L. M. Larson left Silvertown Tuesday for her former home at Selina, Kansas. Mrs. Larson has not been home since coming to Silvertown 20 years ago. She plans to spend six weeks there visiting a sister and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anthony.

Leonard Rue, an employe of the Silvertown Lumber company, suffered a painful wound on one of his feet while at work Tuesday. A peevy, in the hands of a fellow workman, in some manner landed on Mr. Rue's foot and went through both shoe and foot. The wound was dressed at the office of a local physician where it was found that no bones were broken. It is thought that the injury will not prove serious. This is the second time within a few months that Mr. Rue has had a foot injured.

## SPECIAL LEVY LOOMING

BRIDGING OF MILL CREEK IS AGAIN AGITATED

Agitation is again being started for bridging Mill creek on South Liberty. In all probability if a special election is called in September a bridge program will be submitted to the people for consideration as the fund set aside has been depleted repairing older bridges, which were badly dam-

aged by the high water and ice last winter.

It is quite possible that a special levy will be asked at the same time by the city council to keep the streets in proper repair. Street improvement is going on at a rapid rate, now that the weather is settled and the ground is dry enough for pavement. At the next meeting of the council proposals will be again submitted for a skimmer, which is badly needed to facilitate proper grading. Work started yesterday on grading for curb forms on Nebraska between Capitol and Fifteenth.

## FIVE HEARINGS SLATED

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DESIGNATES DATES

Five hearings have been scheduled for July by the public service commission. Dates, subject and places of the hearings are: July 2—Troutdale, telephone service. July 8—Moro, grade crossing. July 10—St. Helens, water service. July 11—Portland, crossing. July 14—Sweet Home, telephone service.

All hearings will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

## Reports Are Filed By Four School Districts

Fifty-two of the 143 school districts of the county have filed returns of the election of district school officers with the county school superintendent. Those filing yesterday were as follows: Ball, district 18, George G. Miller, chairman, Mark Pember, J. A. Glatt, E. T. Wohlheiter, clerk.

Centerville, district 86, C. R. Riches, chairman, W. H. Haberty, John W. Goodkneet, K. O. Rue, clerk.

Mountain View, district 92, Charles Alexander, chairman, P. Helgeson, William Balle, A. E. Coherly, clerk.

Elkhorn, district 115, Selas Road, chairman, A. Y. Meyers, Mrs. Lou Meyers, Ed Sisco, clerk.

Jefferson, district 14, Ed D. Smith, chairman, E. C. Hart, W. E. Smith, Margaret L. Pease, clerk.

Gates, district 21, George McCurdy, chairman, Leroy Grafe, S. A. Ball, Maude J. Davis, clerk.

## STRIKE CALLED OFF

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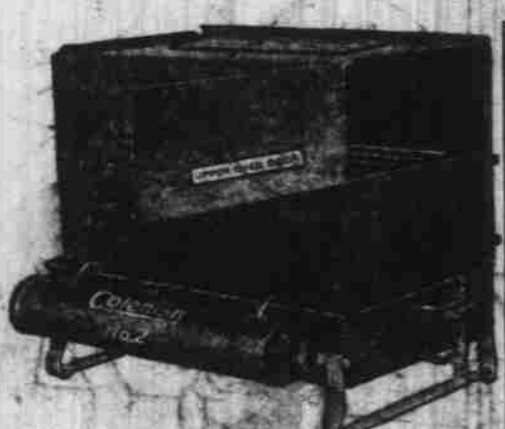


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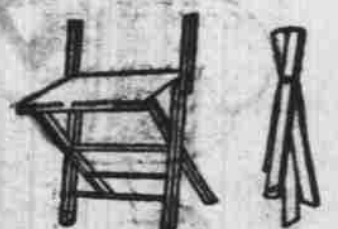
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