

The FLAPPER WIFE

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(Continued from page one)

love to see you in a white apron fussing around the kitchen. . . . Instantly Gloria's good humor vanished.

"Oh, I don't doubt that you would," she cried. "You'd love to see me flying around with a mop and scrubbing brush, too! You'd be crazy about seeing me with my hair broken and my hair flying and my face haggard like Lela. Though I wouldn't you? Well, your name will, Mr. Man! Because I'll never be a slave for you or anybody else! . . . And a new maid comes into this house today or I walk out of it! See?"

She jumped up from Dick's knees. She threw herself face-downward on her bed, and burst into angry tears. "Now don't start that hysterical stuff!" Dick pleaded. There was fear in his voice. . . . a man's fear of a woman's tears.

"I didn't say you couldn't have a household, sweetiekins," he went on gently. "If it takes every cent I have you shall have one. . . . but I guess every man dreams of seeing his wife doing little jobs around the home he's made for her. . . . What's marriage, anyway, but the joy of a man and a woman building a nest for the children they hope to have?"

Gloria sat up suddenly and put her arms around Dick's neck.

She leaned back and let her brilliant eyes rest in his.

"Is that what marriage means to you, Ricky-Ticky-Tavy?" she asked. "Doesn't it mean love and thrill, too, to you . . . just a little bit?"

She took his hand between her hands and kissed him on his forehead. Dick held her close.

"You know you're the only thing to me," he said solemnly. "You know you hold my whole life in the palm of one of your hands. . . . And it's because I do love you that I want this house to be a home for both of us. . . . and after awhile, for our babies."

Gloria said nothing at all.

The telephone rang.

Gloria jumped up to answer it. "Yes!" she said.

Stanley Wayburn's voice came to her over the wire!

"Well. . . how's my Russel this morning?" he said.

Very well, Gloria answered stiffly. She knew that Dick was listening.

"Have you forgiven me for playing around with your friend, Myra?" Stan asked. "Or are you still greened about it?"

Gloria knew that she couldn't answer that question, with Dick right there in the room. And she could feel an uncomfortable flush spreading itself over her face and neck.

At that moment she wished Stanley Wayburn on the other side of the world!

"When am I going to see you again?" Stan's voice asked after a long interval.

Still Gloria made no answer. She actually shook with fright.

Then Stan apparently had a flash of understanding.

"What's the matter? Why can't you talk? Hubby still at home?" he asked.

"Yes!" Gloria could answer that. She heard the click of a receiver in her ear. Wayburn had hung up.

"Who was that on the telephone?" Dick asked carelessly.

He did not look at her. He stood by the chiffonier, lighting a cigarette. "One. . . of. . . my friends," Gloria stammered.

"Who?"

"Does it matter?" Gloria asked.

"It matters very much. . . to me," Dick said. He came toward her. "It was Wayburn, wasn't it?" he asked.

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He started for the door. Then he wheeled suddenly and came back into the sunny room. From under her lashes Gloria watched him.

"If I ask you something, would you tell me the truth?" Dick asked.

Gloria pondered.

"I might," she said. She picked up a nail file and began to "point" her beautifully kept nails.

"Well, then," Dick began, "why did you never mention this fellow Wayburn, in all the months before we were married?"

Gloria shrugged her lace-covered shoulders.

"Why should I have mentioned that I knew him?" she asked. "Is he so very important?"

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How could she tell him that there had been a night a year ago when she had cried for hours because Stan had left town without saying good-by to her?

That there had been weeks and weeks afterward when she had tried not even to think about Stan. . . . much less talk about him?

And that even now when she was a married woman, he had only to look into her eyes to make her forget everything else in the world. . . . even Dick himself!

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"I made the coffee," Dick said. "And believe me, it's some brew—strong enough to float an egg."

Gloria threw back her head defiantly.

"Well, what if it was?" she asked.

"What's so terribly wrong about his calling me up to thank me for the good time he had here last night? That's only common politeness. . . . for him to do that?"

She poured herself a second cup of Dick's coffee. Then she took a cigarette from the package he had left lying on the tray. She put it daintily between her lips.

"Give me a light, Dick," Gloria said.

He came toward her. But instead of lighting her cigarette he pulled it from her mouth. Violently he threw it into the waste basket.

"How long have you had that rotten habit?" he asked.

"Why, I've always smoked. . . . that is, for the last two or three years," Gloria said. "Didn't you know that?"

Dick shook his head. He smiled. But there was a sort of misery in his eyes.

"I guess there are a lot of things about you that I don't know," he said. "For instance, I never knew you had a taste for liquor. . . . until last night."

Gloria laughed. Her face was as merry as a small girl's.

"Yes, yes, go on," she begged. "Tell me all the other black traits of character that I've kept hidden from you for so long! . . . When I drink it's a crime. When you drink it's a foolish act! . . . When I smoke it's a disgrace! . . . When you smoke it 'rests your nerves.' . . . But I can't see where it's any worse for women to do those things than for men!"

The more she talked the angrier Gloria became. She stamped her small foot.

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lie to me when you said he was a decorator from the furniture store, didn't you?"

(To be continued tomorrow)

On Gardening

SOIL is the food repository upon which plants draw for their nourishment. If no new food is to be added to the soil to replace that taken out by the plants in course of time, it is plain to be seen, the plant food will be exhausted. Nature takes care of this Amendment process in wind rains through the annual decay of the plants which thereby return all they have taken from the soil back to another year.

In a garden it is a different proposition. The plants are taken from the soil, the surface is kept even, and very little of the plant that grows from the garden soil goes back into it. We are retaining the wisdom, however, of retaining as much of the plant as the nature has provided for after treating it for a season so that it will decay and be readily incorporated.

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FLAPPER FANNY says



If you are so smart that you think ignorance is bliss, you soon find out that it isn't.

Radio Programs

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM
Pacific Coast.

KGW, Portland, 491.5 meters—5 to 5:30 p. m., children's program. 6 to 7 p. m., Organ recital from public auditorium by Frederick W. Goodrich, courtesy Stubbs Electric company. 7:15 p. m., Weather, police and market reports, news bulletins and baseball scores. After 8 p. m., silent for long-distance reception.

KFAE, Pullman, Wash., 318.0 meters—7:30-9 p. m., Gamma Nu Sorority; Margaret Baker, pianist; Charlie Shattuck, saxophonist; Marjorie McConley, violinist; Edith Armann, reader; Margaret Baker, pianist; Fay Neyland, reader; Granville McQuicken, violinist; "Scope of Business Administration of W. S. C." Professor H. W. Corbell; "Agricultural Fertilizers," E. L. Given; "Dress Selection for Millady," E. Belle Alger; "A Visit to Genoa," Professor Carl M. Brewster.

KFI, Los Angeles, Cal., 467 meters—5:30-6 p. m., Examiner's matinee program; 6-6:15, McDuff's nighty doings; 6:45-7, radio-gram; 7-8, Evening Herald; California Serenader's dance orchestra, George Cronk, leader; 8-9, program, Coso Hot Springs company, Coso Indian orchestra, Chief Assenawood, harpist; 9-10, program, Walter M. Murphy Motors company; Virginia Flohr, soprano; Tosca Tolos, concert pianist; Hollywood string quartet; 10-11, Examiner; Ray Vost and his Alexander hotel dance orchestra.

KFOA, Seattle, Wash., 454.3 meters—4:55-5 p. m., studio music, recital; 6:45, Olympic hotel concert program; 6:45-8:15, Sherman, Clay & Co., program; 8:30-10, Times dance music.

KPWR, Hollywood, Cal., 252 meters—6:30-8 p. m., program, John A. Evans corporation, Hacienda Park orchestra, Henry Jackson, leader; 8-9, program, Check-Nut Coffee company, Maxwell House coffee string quartet, Marguerite Le Grand, concert pianist, Hawaiian Nightingales; 10, program, M. Weinstein, "Gems of Music," 10-11, Warner Brothers hour of fun, direction Charles Wellman.

KGO, Oakland, Cal., 361.2 meters—11:20-1 p. m., luncheon concert; 4:55-5:30, Henry Halstead's dance orchestra, educational program; Arion trio; "Trend of Agricultural Progress," Professor L. W. Philbrick; "How to Get a Job," R. J. Williams; "Health Education," (Dr. S. Milberry); "What's About New Books," Joseph Henry Jackson; 10-11, Henry Halstead's orchestra.

KHJ, Los Angeles, Cal., 405.2 meters—6-7 p. m., Leighton's Arcade cafeteria orchestra, Jack Cronshaw, leader.

KLN, Oakland, Cal., 508.2 meters—3-7 p. m., organ recital; 8:30, etc.

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Home Hints

WIRE frying basket may be used as an inexpensive substitute for a dishwashing machine. Put the dishes in the basket, then plunge it in a pan of hot soapy water, keeping it moving until dishes are clean.

Oil the Drain Board
The drain boards of the sink should be finished with oil or waterproof varnish and new and fresh



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applications made frequently to prevent them becoming dark colored from being constantly water-soaked.

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to cover and let it stand in a cool place for an hour or more. Then press as dry as possible through a strainer.

Breakfast—Stewed prunes, cereal, thin cream, crisp toast, marmalade, milk, coffee.

Luncheon—Cream of asparagus soup, croquettes, beet greens with hard cooked eggs, jelly, root, milk, tea.

Dinner—Jellied bouillon, baked ham and pineapple, creamed rice, jellied cabbage salad, fresh strawberries, sunshine cake, milk, coffee, rolls.

Well cooked rice served in a rich cream sauce, seasoned with grated cheese, is suggested in place of potatoes for this dinner menu.

This dinner is ideal for the mid-summer hostess, requiring a minimum of work at the dinner hour and no last minute fussing for the serving of a dish.

Of course, children under ten years of age should not be permitted to eat the ham and pineapple dish. It meat is necessary for their diet a lamb chop solves the problem most conveniently.

Baked Ham and Pineapple
Two slices ham, 1 fresh pineapple, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 12 whole cloves, 1/2 cup water.

The ham should be cut about 3-4 inch thick through the center of the joint and the bone removed. Cut pineapple in half-inch slices, pare, remove eyes and core. Place in an earthenware bowl, sprinkle with sugar, cover and place in a warm place for two hours to draw out the juice.

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