

UNDERSTUDIES

By JANE GORDON

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GARRETT DENBY looked at the woman he had loved and moved uneasily in the pretty fireside chair. Janet, there in her always attractive frock, her clear eyes shining, her cheeks flushed in the happy excitement of his presence; he opposite, admiring, content.

What had happened to banish the charm of years? How could he await coldly, now, her reception of his abrupt confession. Garrett had told her, his face immovable in apparent indifference, that he no longer cared.

It was the little girl from Barker's who had wrought the change in his feelings.

Garrett was waiting the last promotion in his business. He knew now that he would await no such opportunity in pressing his suit with Dolly. She must take him as he was. His visions of the pretty, disturbingly modern Miss Gilmore stirred his emotions as he sat watching Janet, with her disillusion.

"If there is nothing to be said between us but 'good-by,'" Janet said, "let us say that 'good-by' quickly."

"Good-by," he echoed hurriedly, and left her.

Janet drew out the little tea table methodically, and began laying the things for her evening meal. Garrett had so often partaken of that meal with her that it seemed odd not to place a plate for him.

A knock at the door happily disturbed her reverie. It was only Peter, Peter, who had come so patiently when she might have a little time left from Garrett's visits, to spare to him. Peter, so kindly advising, so unselfish in devotion. Peter had asked her to marry him.

Garrett dismissed uncomfortable scruples as he and Dolly settled together in the new home. Dolly had excellent taste in furnishings—Dolly was charmingly ingenious in her demands. It was disappointing to return at evening, weary from increasing labor necessary to his growing expense, to a house empty in its luxury—with no wife to greet him, and the solitary meal set before him by a tired and sulky maid.

"Mrs. Denby said I was to have this day off," was the maid's usual grievance, "and she forgot again and went off herself." Dolly usually forgot. Dolly was still the admired butterfly of his former admiration.

He was heartsick and weary with things as they were. The great empty rooms mocked him, the telephone summoned as though urging his haste—"Dolly: I'm at the Rensler. Dinner party. Couldn't call you earlier, for we were at the matinee. Leave the door unlatched. Good-night, Garrett." He stood before the instrument; the receiver had clicked before he might reply.

How the image of Janet rose fresh in its old place in his heart Garrett could not know. He only knew that he was driving feverishly, eagerly toward the comfort of Janet's cozy home. Janet would be there. And this incomparable gift he had thrown away for a brighter face—a flaunt of gaiety. Janet opened the door to Garrett, and in her honest cry out softly her surprise. "I came to you," he blundered, "to try to find a touch of home, Janet. I have had no home—but yours." She was not shocked by his confidences; she listened, the old dear frown of concern wrinkling her smooth brow. Nor was she aware of triumph in his return. She looked into the face which had, for years, filled her dreams, and was saddened to see lines of trouble there. She played for him as he begged her to, then sent him home with a promise to call upon his wife.

Janet calling upon Dolly! He could see no benefit to either in the acquaintance. Janet talked her plan over with Peter. She had a habit of confiding in Peter, and knew that Garrett's perplexities were safe in his keeping. Then, too, she wanted the man's perspective in her plan. "Garrett's wife may be a restless, thoughtless young thing," she told Peter, "and he may not realize her need of the pleasures of youth. If I can coax her to like me, Peter, I shall teach her home-making as Garrett likes and needs it." To her own mirror, Janet said wistfully, "Those qualities which Garrett loved in me will be doubly dear in those added qualities he loved in his wife—which I failed in giving."

So Janet labored and—won. It was strangely sweet revenge—the kindling of home interest in the estranged wife's heart. Then, self-effaced, Janet returned to her silent home.

"Garrett is happy in finding Dolly in that beautiful cheery home to welcome him," she told Peter. "She really enjoys banking the flowers, playing for him, wearing the dresses he likes. And he does not forget her youth—so also, they go out together."

"I suppose," said Peter, in his slow way, "that Garrett enjoys the society of Dolly because you have made her an understudy of the girl you used to be. And I've been wondering, if I were to understudy Garrett, in a way, would you transfer that old dear interest to me."

There was no wistfulness in Janet's smile; its radiance caressed him.

"Why, Peter," said Janet, "I would have you as you are, dear—no change at all."

"Oh, would you?" asked Peter confusedly—"then will you?"

And Janet did.

Community News

By Special Correspondents

PLEASANT HILL

In spite of the fact that a steady had been falling for over 24 hours, 75 people turned out to the community dinner held at the Pleasant Hill community club hall on Thanksgiving day. The long table which extended the full length of the hall was loaded with chicken, sandwiches, salads, pickles, desserts, cakes and pies, and coffee was served by the ladies of the Women's club. Mrs. A. J. Higgins, president of the Women's club, managed the dinner. After dinner all attention was turned to the doll which had been dressed by the Women's club to be sold for the benefit of the piano fund. The children then played games led by Miss Alta Manning of Coast Forks and the older folk gathered around the piano and sang until time to depart.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor society gave a social at the home of their president, Miss Mary Harden, Thursday evening, Nov. 29. The home was decorated with chrysanthemums and the evening was spent playing games. Those present were the Misses Leta, Gladys and Hazel Wheeler, Helen Miller, Anna Latte, Elsie Smith, Belle Olson, Verna Manning, Bertha Manning, Effie Gibson, Mary Harden, Mrs. Carruthers and the Messrs George and Lawrence Smith, Allan and Lawrence Wheeler, Wayne Overholser, Torvil and Carl Robinson, Paul Harden, Taylor Circle.

Mrs. Houston arrived Thursday, November 29, to stay indefinitely at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Swift.

Carl Carruthers left Wednesday, November 28, for Washington, where he expects to spend the winter.

Miss Effie Gibson, who taught in the Pleasant Hill high school last year visited with friends at Pleasant Hill Thanksgiving week-end. Miss Gibson is attending the University of Oregon for her master degree this spring.

Miss Verna Manning, a student in the Springfield high school, spent several days at the home of her aunt last week.

There will be a regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill community club Saturday night, December 8, at the hall. The Women's club will meet Wednesday afternoon, December 12, at the hall.

The Trent local of Farmers' union held its regular meeting Wednesday night, November 28, W. L. Wheeler presiding. The subject of having the tubercular test for dairy cows made in the district was discussed and a committee consisting of C. E. Jordan, chairman, H. C. Wheeler and H. Jacobs, was appointed to secure the names of those farmers desiring the test and arrange for such test to be made. W. L. Wheeler was chosen as delegate to the state convention of Farmers' unions to be held in Eugene December 18-19-20. The next meeting of the Trent local will be held at Pleasant Hill Wednesday night, December 12. As there is to be an elec-

tion of officers a good turnout is anticipated. refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cruse, who left Pleasant Hill in August for Alberta, Canada, that they are located for the winter in Washington.

THURSTON NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Mabel Crow visited with relatives at Thurston the week-end.

John Taylor, from Siuslaw, spent the past week visiting his brothers, Charles and Frank Taylor.

Stanley Asp, who is attending the U. of O., spent Thanksgiving vacation with his father.

Miss Hazel Edmiston, who is attending Normal at Monmouth, accompanied by Miss Cecil Small, spent Thanksgiving at her home here.

The high school basketball teams went to Elmira last Friday evening and played the teams there. The Thurston girls won but the boys lost. They also had the misfortune to lose their basketball in returning home.

There was a basket dinner at the church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert, from Junction City, visited at Ray Baugh's Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest West entertained Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. John West, from Eugene, also Mr. West's brother and family.

Mrs. Genevieve Beaman, from Coburg, spent Thanksgiving vacation with her mother, Mrs. Harbit. Mrs. Beaman had her tonsils removed Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Herbert Weiss and daughter, Bonnie Gene, returned to their home in Eugene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Mathews and family visited in Eugene last Sunday.

Miss Heersma spent Thanksgiving in Eugene with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hendkemp.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Baugh and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baugh and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baugh at Donna.

Mrs. Allison, who is teaching in the high school, spent her vacation in Eugene.

Mrs. Lane spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Portland.

Mrs. A. B. Mathews and daughter, Norma, Mrs. Margaret Campbell and Alta Joos attended the negro minstrel entertainment at Leaburg Saturday evening.

Springfield basketball teams are to play the Thurston teams in the local hall next Friday evening.

The Creswell grange is going to stage a play in the Thurston hall next Saturday evening, entitled "The Farmerette."

Curtis Price, who attends the O. A.

C. at Corvallis, spent his vacation visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Price.

Miss Mildred Price, who is teaching at Leaburg, spent Sunday at Thurston.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, December 5, 1923.

Notice is hereby given that Grant J. Gray, of Eugene, Oregon, who, on May 14, 1920, made Homestead entry, Serial No. 012726, for the Lot 4 of Section 5, Township 17 S., Range 3 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-Year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before E. O. Immel, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Eugene, Oregon, on the 17th day of January, 1924.

Claimant names as witnesses: C. B. Swango, of Coburg, Oregon; John Reninger, of Coburg, Oregon; Thomas Green, of Coburg, Oregon;

T. L. Barber, of Coburg, Oregon. W. H. CANNON, Register. D1 13, 20, 27, J3

F. C. Beckett, employed at the union depot in Portland, stopped off on his return from southern California and visited his father, B. B. Beckett, in Springfield.

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