

Sallie's Temptations

Sallie Learns of an Engagement

I took an hour from my work during the week to fill my regular engagement at the beauty-shop—my one concession to my former life. On the afternoon of a day that had been very hard, I asked Collette for a facial pack. It always refreshes me, the sweet-scented cream, the hot towels, the massage and the pungent witch-hazel, followed by ice.

Everyone went to Collette's. Indeed it was more like a salon with its buzz of small talk. Each operator had her own little room but it was quite customary for anyone recognizing a voice to scream the latest bit of gossip from one booth to the other.

The room was unusually quite this afternoon and I was relaxing under a towel weighted with steam that completely enveloped my face.

Suddenly, I recognized a voice. It came from the next booth.

"Oh, I say, Valerie, have you seen my ring?" It was Anne Coddington's voice.

"Your ring? What do you mean—ring? I'm that excited. What is this anyway, an announcement party? Wait, I'll get this darn clay off and I'll be right in."

My heart stood still. What ring? What? Then all the courage, all the indifference I had built around myself in the last few months were as naught.

Could it be that Anne and Curtiss were really engaged and that I should hear it in such a place? Oh, I was grateful for that towel and for its kind folds which hid my face.

Silence for a while. The operators were oh, so quiet that they too, might gather in the details of a story that clientele would entertain their fashionable

Light foot steps—Valerie going to Anne. I counted them as they fell.

"Ohhh Anne! It's a dream! We'll I don't have to guess whose it is, the way he's been rushing you about. You lucky girl, larding the catch of the season. Dog gone!"

Anen snickered.

"He IS sweet," she said.

"Sweet," so that was all, she thought of him. I was sick with the thought and so-thing was the matter with my heart that made it feel like stone, weighting me down, dragging me under and leaving me listless without any desire to live, I couldn't faint. If I could just keep the towels on my face a little longer and then, after Anne and Valerie had gone, I would go home without either of them knowing that I had heard.

But even facials come to an end. I managed to be perfectly quiet until the operator was through, then, putting on my hat, I walked hurriedly out of the booth and along the corridor to the front of the hall.

Valerie! God help her to keep her mouth shut. She didn't. It was impossible with Valerie and there seemed to be any number of people standing or sitting about.

"Hello, Sallie, have you heard about Anne?" she asked.

"Why, no," I summoned as much interest as possible in my voice.

They stared at me without pity, gleefully eager for some sign that might add zest to their story when

they told it outside.

"She's gonna marry Curtiss Wright. Has the most gorgeous ring—a sapphire—"

That was the last straw. Because in discussing rings once I had told Curtiss that the ring of my dreams was a single square sapphire with dancing lights.

"Come on back Sallie and look at it. I think Anne still there," she tugged at my arm.

I couldn't speak. I couldn't. When one is crushed in spirit and soul, little do they think what effect their movements will have on the crowd, nor thinking, care. I did the only thing I could have done. I drew away from her and walked straight out of the door with my head in the air.

I don't know why the shock was so enormous. I had known that Anen and Curtiss were together most of the time and hostesses had been putting them together for months.

But it's one thing to expect a thing or even dread it and another to have it actually come about. I tried to lose myself in my work, but when you are twenty there's something you want more than work to fill the empty spaces in a young girl's heart.

Things were reminding me always of love. At night time the soft, jasmine twilights would awaken strange longings in my innermost being. A strain of music would make tears of loneliness stand in my eyes. And all the time I had the feeling that 'they' were gloating over Anne conquest of Curtiss Wright.

It wasn't that I wanted Curtiss if he was satisfied with the girl of his choice. My pride kept me from that. But there was nothing to prevent my love for him which I knew was eternal and could never die.

(To Be Continued)

File Lien on New Hotel

A mechanics' lien for \$4,535.50 has been filed by the Baker-Harkness company against the Eugene hotel company for work done on the new building. Electrical fixtures, wiring and labor for which only \$1,000 has been paid on were furnished the hotel. The complaint in circuit court states:

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EMPLOYMENT PEAK HOLDING STEADY

Portland, July 30.—(Special) Employment which two weeks ago reached the high peak of the year in the Pacific Northwest is holding steady and there is even a shortage of help in a few districts, according to reports from 4L employment service offices in various northwestern cities received at 4L headquarters here today. The labor shortage is reported from the Inland Empire.

Reports from the various 4L offices are as follows:

Marshallfield, Ore.—Employment in the Coos bay district are good. A 1 resident labor is employed. Activity continues in building, highway construction and the government jetty work, with quarries for jetty fills in full swing. Coal mines are working at capacity and the dairy industry is using a large force of men. Logging is at 60 per cent and lumbering at 85 per cent of capacity.

Portland—Logging along the Columbia river and in adjacent districts is at 60 per cent of capacity. Seventy-two out of a total of 121 sides, including both mill and independent operations, are running. Six Portland sawmills are down. Three of these have been down for periods varying from two months to over a year, two are closed for repairs and one for rebuilding because of fire. There are plenty of jobs on employment boards here to care for all men in this city who want work. The Natron Cut-off continues to require many replacements and several hundred fire fighters were hired for nearby districts during the week.

Raymond, Wn.—All sawmills on Willapa Harbor except the Hart-Wood are operating. The Nemah River camps have resumed logging but logging operations on the Milwaukee are still down. There is a slight surplus of common labor on Willapa Harbor.

Aberdeen - Hoquiam—Logging in Grays Harbor district is now at 65 per cent of capacity. Thirty-two operations with a total of 51 sides are operating and are employing a total of 3600 men. All sawmills in this district are cutting; six Aberdeen and Hoquiam plants are operating two shifts and one is running three shifts. Railroad maintenance, highway work, and city construction and building continued active. There are but few jobs being offered here and there are but few men seeking work.

Tacoma—With 46 out of 73 sides operating, logging in the Tacoma district is at present 55 per cent of capacity. Lumber production is close

to 100 per cent of one-shift capacity in this city and most of the outside mills are sawing. There is almost no surplus of common labor here and scarcity of some kinds of skilled help was noted last week.

Seattle—Logging in the Puget Sound districts is 65 per cent of capacity and close to 4000 men are at work in the camps, not including more than 600 who are employed in truck logging. Practically all sawmills in Seattle, Everett, Bellingham and nearby towns are operating. There are few unemployed in Seattle. The wheat harvest in the Inland Empire has called many men from this district and the migration continues.

Spokane—A continued shortage of labor was noted in Spokane last week. More than 1500 men are fighting forest fires and demands for help from farmers have increased. Railroads have many crews doing track maintenance work. There are calls for miners from the Wallace districts. The Winton Lumber company is operating eight camps and practically all woods operations in the Inland Empire either are running or are fighting fire. Experienced woods help is extremely scarce. All large sawmills are cut-

ting. The Blackwell, Coeur d'Alene, will add a night shift August 3, it is reported. The usual quota of loafers who are unwilling to work is in evidence here in spite of the fact that seasonal orders for short time jobs calls for a large number of men daily.

To Help Farm Home

The local W. C. T. U. will sell ice cream at the band concert at Second and Main street Friday night. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Children's Farm home sponsored by the state W. C. T. U. near Corvallis.

Monday, August 31

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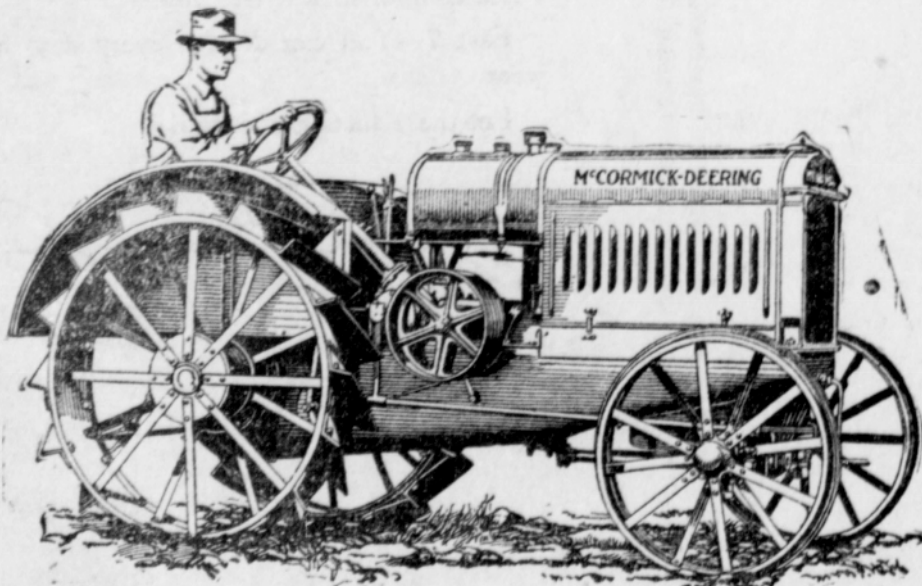
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