

THE LUXURY HUSBAND

SYNOPSIS: A musician in the bond business; Ray accepts the offer of Barbara's uncle, chiefly because it seems to make Barbara happy, but he soon learns he cannot succeed. Realizing that Barbara's uncle retains his services merely because he is a relative, Ray becomes increasingly bitter. He refuses to attend parties with Barbara's friends, who are quick to draw inferences that Barbara serves to hasten the arrival of a crisis between Barbara and Ray.

Chapter 20
COMPETITION

RAY and Barbara had been living in her Park Avenue duplex apartment about six months when she received a cable from Henderson saying he expected to land in New York on the sixteenth. She broke the news to Ray over the dinner table.

"What do you think I had a cable from Hendy. He's sailing on the Aquitania and will be here around the sixteenth. Of course I shall have to invite him to be our guest."

"He wouldn't have come if he hadn't thought you'd do that."

"Don't be mean, Ray. . . Aren't you glad he's coming?"

"Naturally. . . The three of us are certain to have an awfully jolly time together, what?"



Barbara rushed toward Henderson—suddenly glad to see him again.

It was such an exact imitation of Henderson that Barbara almost burst out laughing, but the thought that such encouragement would not be good for Ray made her check herself.

"Don't be sarcastic, Ray. Surely you don't object to my inviting him?"

"It's up to you, my dear. It's your house."

"Anyhow, I am going to invite Hendy."

"Of course, dear. It would be a pity to have given him the trip across for nothing. Traveling's so terribly expensive these days."

The Aquitania docked at three in the afternoon. A few minutes previously Barbara was at the pier. As she walked up and down, the pilot of many eyes, in her trim black suit with the high ermine collar, she wondered if it might be amusing to flirt lightly with Henderson in order to punish Ray. A little opposition never did a man any harm. Indeed it might be the very thing to make him snap out of his grinch.

The passengers were beginning to trickle through the barrier. At last, Henderson came.

At the sight of him coming towards her, Barbara decided that she was more pleased to see him than she had imagined. He looked, she considered, distinguished. Too, she felt quite a thrill running down her spine when he gripped her hands.

"Barbara, this is an undreamt of pleasure. I say, how topping of you to have bothered coming down to the boat. . . You're looking great—ravishing. Never seen you looking better in my life."

She laughed up at him.

"The same old Hendy—the same old flatterer. How many hearts have you broken on this trip?"

"None; isn't that an admission? Fact is, with the prospect of seeing you so soon, I simply couldn't concentrate. Now, if you'll excuse me I'll have my luggage put in a cab and sent to the hotel. . ."

"Of course you're not going to stay at any hotel. You're staying with us."

"Not really? I'm not going to be hypocritical and pretend to argue about it. Imagine that I've protested properly but that you've swept aside my objections!"

Laughingly they proceeded out into the street where Barbara's limousine was waiting for them.

It was during a somewhat slow and tedious progress up Fifth Avenue that Henderson said:

"And that husband of yours—how is he?"

"Fine. He's sorry he couldn't get down to meet you."

"Indeed? Can't pretend that I'm awfully cut about it—about his not being at the pier, I mean. Fact is, I'd hoped that you'd be there alone, I tell you, Barbara, that was a sight for my sea-beary eyes—you standing waiting at the barrier!" Then, impulsively, "You looked stunning, too!"

The butler had tea waiting by the time they arrived at her apartment.

Over the second cup he broached a subject about which he was a little diffident. He knew that, if he were to stay long as Barbara's guest, relations between himself and her husband would have to be friendly, at least on the surface.

"I say, Barbara, that husband of yours—he doesn't feel badly towards me because of the—well, because of the little scene that night in the abbey? I give you my word I'd forgotten it completely. No ill feelings on my part, I assure you, and, hang it all, I can see his point, can't you?"

Barbara thought that very sporting of him. It made her more glad than ever that he had come. Ray, surely, wouldn't allow Henderson

STUDENTS LEARN CAMP COOKING IN E. POINT SCHOOL

EAGLE POINT, Ore., Oct. 22.—(Special)—The sixth, seventh and eighth grades have started a camp cooking class under the leadership of Miss Darnelle, at the first meeting held Friday noon. Donald Ashpole was elected president; Clyde Rigby, vice-president; Hael Helms, secretary-treasurer. Another meeting will be held today to plan a trip into the country for next Saturday.

The Glee club tryout was held Tuesday morning. The girls were admitted one by one, and many fair voices rippled and trilled over the familiar notes of "Auld Lang Syne," as Miss Miller tested each voice. There seems to be a fairly good selection of voices. Those who have made the Glee club are Beulah Waddell, Sarah Thiede, Elsie Wilhite, Truth Piele, Elsie Loveland, Donna Brown, Itzalyn Ripley, Dorothy Pearce, Mary Hannaford, Dorothy Coy, Myrtle Rigby, Sybil Caster, Mildred Belows, Norma Piele, Dorothy Wilhite and Margaret Brophy.

The pupils supervised by Miss Aiken won the subscription contest that has been running for five weeks. These pupils have worked hard and have earned the prize which will be awarded by the English III, class.

The orchestra started practice last Wednesday. Elsie Wilhite and Truth Piele play first violins, Norma Piele and Beulah Waddell play second violins; Kirch Piele, saxophone; Billy Davidson, cornet, and Elsie Loveland, Dorothy Wilhite and Dorothy Pearce, piano.

Under the supervision of Mr. Davies and Mr. Haan, the volleyball question has been very successfully settled.

There are six teams under the leadership of Mary Hannaford, John Medley, Kirch Piele, Walter Davis, Henry Wall and Donald Young. The teams are composed of the high and junior high students. The first game is eagerly looked forward to by the students.

Miss Aiken's room has finished the hot cereal contest which they have been carrying on.

Fire in Mission Mill
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 22.—(P)—Fire in the Consolidated Milling company plant, in the Mission district, destroyed four buildings, machinery and stock. Loss was estimated at \$50,000. Spontaneous combustion was believed to have started the blaze.

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The evening passed happily with the usual number of bridge hands and at a late hour the hostess served dainty refreshments.

Those who enjoyed the opportunity to meet Mrs. Apperson were Mrs. E. V. Carter, Mrs. Jennie Gilbert, Mrs. T. H. Simpson, Mrs. Louis Dodge, Mrs. H. C. Galey, Mrs. J. M. Wagner, and Miss Blanche Hicks. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. T. H. Simpson and Mrs. J. M. Wagner for high and second scores. Mrs. Apperson was presented with a dainty guest prize.

Hood River—Haven's Confectionery changed hands.

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Sailors In Crash

NAPA, Cal., Oct. 22.—(P)—Pinned beneath their overturned automobile, Sidney J. Pajillon was killed and Donald Hurley probably fatally injured. Both men were sailors, attached to the Mars Island navy yard.

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 22.—(P)—

Clyde W. Barger, 34, was found dead early this morning in a "jungle" camp on the Willamette river at the foot of Bellevue street. Police believe that death was caused as the result of a prolonged drinking spree.

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