

SPITE MARRIAGE

by Katharine Hamilton Taylor

SYNOPSIS: Because she thinks the gay Geoffrey Tarleton has married another, Marsha Moore marries Bob Powers, who is hopelessly in love with her. They are spending their honeymoon at Easthampton, on Long Island. Much to Marsha's surprise, she finds she really is in love with Bob, and that she is content to devote herself to making him happy.

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"Why did you tell Ella she looked well in her cap, dear?" Bob asked.

"Because, Bob, she felt she didn't grace caps," Marsha answered quickly. "Of course she doesn't; you know how her caps will ride with one deck under water."

"You haven't it yet," he went on, "why did you tell her that gruesome lie that makes me turn shuddering from you?"

"Because—she felt badly about her caps and the inebrated way they will look, skidding 'round on her two hairs."

"Well, don't you see, dearest?" he asked. She didn't; she shook her head, looking up at him. Her eyes were wide; so often to him she was a pitifully baffled child; he leaned

A little later he said, angrily, as her hands grew quiet on the keys. "My Lord, what does your aunt want? You play—exquisitely!"

Those were quiet, sane days that did not drag; days that hurried by with nothing of exciting nature in them "to pass the time."

The weather was rarely mild. They walked the beach arm in arm; sometimes they talked, again they were silent. They drove over the hills, played chess, read. She played the piano for him to find her heart swell as she realized he liked to listen.

No, she had never before known what it meant to be happy; but she knew certainly that it could not last.

"How could it," she reflected, "considering all I've done; all I can't do or be because of all I've done!" And thinking thus, terror, an icy deluge, would fill her heart.

Geoffrey Tarleton became a remote wraith of the inferno she had known. She held his memory close, however, and deliberately. He would be well matched with her, her aunt had said; her aunt had said that his was an almost equal depravity.

No, this life with Bob could not last. She must not let herself dream



ward, kissed the tip of her nose, sat back.

He tried not to bother her much; he felt she was a little happier when he seemed to gay.

"When lies are made to make people happier," he stated, "the jewel expert in heaven hurries to get another jewel for the liar's crown. . . . See? You know, when we telephoned mother last night, and I said, 'I'm missing you?'"

"Yes."

"Well, you know, dear child, I couldn't miss even my very dear mother just now, because life is—well, you know, anyway, I said that. You knew I lied; Mother probably knew; but she understood what was back of the lie. You did know I lied, didn't you?"

"No, I didn't. But I wasn't jealous, at all, Bob."

He could not always be light and gay; he held her close pressed to him for a short second.

"No," he agreed, voice tightened and short, "I know you weren't jealous. You would not be. I heard you ask Ella in the most round about, dignified and clever way the other day, whether I seemed quite normal. You wanted to know whether you were making me happy, now didn't you?"

"Yes," she admitted.

"The curious thing to me," he said slowly, seriously, "is that you don't know anything of how rarely selfless and dear and generous and fair you are. You are so beautiful in all ways—I don't know how I'll ever equal you."

SHE broke in, and close to sharply. His faith in her, she could not bear. "Oh, don't, Bob!" she appealed.

She did not like him so well when he was not light and gay, he knew. "Well," he said, with a squaring of shoulders, "that's that; but I feel that way and can't help it. But you don't need to brood on it! Go play your 'piece.'"

"You play—exquisitely!"

that it could, she reminded herself. She had, by constant compromise, made herself fabric for the wife of Geoffrey or of some one like Geoffrey. She could never be, and with all trying, the suitable wife for Bob; and she knew it—too well!

At the end of the week began to wonder whether Bob could love her if he knew why she had become his wife. The question persisted; grew strong; it turned her silent often and it led her to look at him questioningly.

"Tired of me?" he asked on one of these occasions.

She wanted to answer with a violent, "I shall never be tired of you! A lifetime won't give me enough of you! I'm a secondate, shoddy piece; but no one could love you so well, if that counts."

She said, "Not exactly." Drawled it.

He had been standing by the hearth; tapping bricks with an emptying pipe. He turned to settle on the broad arm of her chair; "I am beginning to know you," he said slowly. (She felt his hand on her hair; he was always so gentle!) "And I know you wanted to say more, but old habits cling! Am I right?"

"Yes," she admitted. Within, she said to him, panic at heart. "Don't know me too well!"

He said, "A little gain, dearest one!" She felt him kiss her hair and then he rose. And again before the hearth he filled his pipe with great particularity and gave to it his entire attention.

If, instead of looking slightly perturbed she were to say, "You dear! I feel that way too!" Or perhaps, with a touch, make him understand that she knew what all his dour-derings and gropings through suddenly inadequate words, meant.

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Bob and Marsha go to town, tomorrow.

CHEVROLET WINS STAMINA TESTS

"The trail of the taxicab is a proving ground in itself! Day in and day out, in all weathers, the wheels of the taxicab write the true facts about stamina and dependability in a motor car."

That statement came yesterday from C. M. Hurd of Rogue River Chevrolet, Inc., as a prelude to his announcement that a San Francisco taxi service has purchased seven new 1934 "knee action" Chevrolet sedans for use in the San Francisco Bay region.

A schedule of severe and exhaustive tests preceded the selection of Chevrolets.

In the actual locale in which the cabs operate, on hills with mountain-like gradients and on the roughest type of rail crossings, scores of test miles declared the efficiency of Chevrolet braking, acceleration, declaration, speed in all gears, readability and economy.

"What amounted to 'slide rule' methods of checking performance, were applied to the Chevrolet cars," the Chevrolet executive explained. "The San Francisco firm had lengthy records of maintenance to base conclusions upon, and it had the choice of all America's manufacturers to test that Chevrolet was selected is a tribute, I believe, of deep significance to every prospective purchaser of an automobile."

"Three factors, in the final analysis, guided the preference for Chevrolet. The first was knee action wheels. Public stamp of approval for the new gliding ride, and its com-

DAIRY COMBINING IS WITHIN RULES

SALEM, July 21.—(AP) Two or more dairymen may combine to operate jointly to have milk prepared and placed in containers at one point, to curtail expenses. Attorney-General I. H. VanWinkle ruled today in interpreting the law regulating the milk control board.

The request for the opinion was made by the state milk control board after complaints had been received against the proposal that each dairymen have his own plant for bottling. The ruling held that adjoining farms may combine in this matter.

In another opinion, the attorney-general held that fines imposed for violation of the motor transportation act do not go to the state, but to the counties where they are assessed. The opinion was requested by Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer.

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HOLC FUNDS FOR REPAIRS DUE SOON

Under the Home Owners' Loan corporation in this state, Lloyd T. Terrill of Eugene, district supervisor of reconditioning homes, has been making an investigation of conditions in this community and announced yesterday that application blanks will be available here within a few days.

Repair and maintenance work on homes may be financed through the home loan. Mr. Terrill stated and also remodeling and modernizing. Addition of extra rooms and alterations in floor plans are included under the HOLC act, by which \$200,000,000 has been provided for this type of work throughout the nation.

Mr. Terrill announced blanks will be provided any who wish to make application at the office of C. S. Butterfield, realtor, in the Medford building. Contractors' qualification blanks will also be provided for workmen who wish to apply for jobs offered by the local reconditioning of homes program.

The total area of the Nantahala national forest, which lies in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia is 355,000 acres.

More than 2200 homesteads were filed in California during the last fiscal year, leaving 9,298,275 acres of public lands available for entry.

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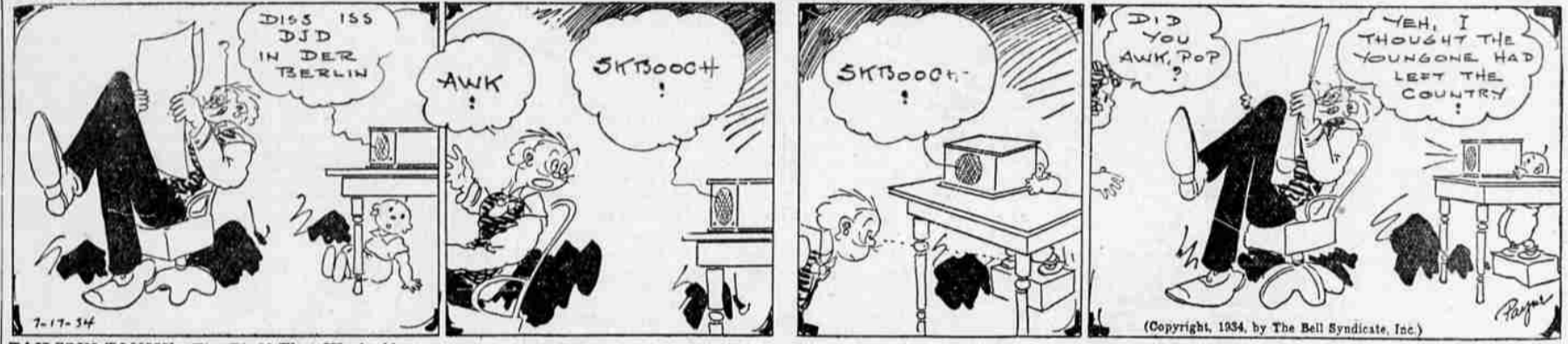
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BRINGING UP FATHER



FARMERS MARCH ON N. D. CAPITAL

BISMARCK, N. D., July 21.—(AP)—Fears of violence again gripped Bismarck as marchers composed of Farmers' Holiday Association and Farmers' United League members, numbering approximately 800, marched on the state capitol this afternoon.

There was no disturbance but doors of the state capitol were locked after a committee of four was admitted to wait on Acting Governor Ole H. Olson.

National guardsmen, stationed at the capitol since William Langer was ousted as governor, stood before the crowd with fixed bayonets.

Authorities said some communists were in the farmers' league group.

Notice

What bills I made in the past four years, I worked out and for them Thanks.

(Signed) MATTIE A. YOGEL

RODEO STAR KILLED UNDER TRAIN WHEELS

GILLETTE, Wyo., July 21.—(AP)—Aubrey (Tex) Harold, widely known as a rodeo performer and cow-puncher, was run over and killed last night near Nicheta, Wyo., by a Burlington train.

The engineer said he saw Harold lying on the track too late to stop. The body, badly mangled, was brought here.

For years Harold appeared in rodeos all over the country. He was the owner of a ranch west of here.

All foreigners in Peru were required to register during July.

Navajo Indian territory in Arizona has increased since 1868 from about 2,000,000 acres to approximately 11,000,000 acres.

All kinds of legal blanks for excise for rent, no hunting, no trespassing and other cards for sale at Commercial Printing Dept. of Mail Tribune.