

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

A HUSBAND'S MONEY AND HIS WIFE.

By some peculiar bias a man seems to think when he gives his wife enough money to cover household expenses, that she, by some sort of necromancy, can expand that money to cover her personal requirements. But if he were to take out of the household allowances enough for his little personal wants of every day he would find that his little extravagances, which he takes as a matter of course, left little for household necessities.

A man's smoke bill alone, if he but knew it, would probably cover many times the expense of his wife's hats, which he is apt to consider an unnecessary extravagance.

It is not that the American husband is petty or particularly ungenerous; it is only that he has been educated along wrong lines.

The money received by him for his work of hand or brain is his own. Very simply and naturally he believes he may spend it as he chooses, but the money he gives his wife for the effort of her hand and brain is not her own. It is usually for joint household expenses, and it takes expert financing to make it stretch far enough to provide for her own personal wants.

Eline has told me that in the settlement houses she found, where the man came home and placed the entire income in the hands of his wife, there was usually a much higher standard of living than in the family where the man took care of the expenditures.

Aunt Margie has also told me of some of her friends who seemingly have every luxury in the world and yet never have a penny for their share of an outing, a luncheon or any little personal expense. And there are some women who wouldn't even have clothes were it not for the fact that many men consider their wives a sort of walking advertisement of their prosperity.

I had always intended to have this matter of money settled with the man I was to marry before the wedding day, and here was I at this late day dreading and defending the interview.

Of course, Thoe had signed club checks for the hilarious meeting of his friends last night, thus drawing in advance on the salary not yet due and for which he had worked but one day. Consequently, I was well aware that unless we could come to some satisfactory arrangement there would be no money left for me when his salary was paid. I determined to have the matter over with at once.

When we were alone in our rooms I said:

"Thoe, you have said very little to me about your job. Father Symone intimated that you would turn over to me your salary as the Mayor's private secretary."

"Well Dad has his nerve spending my money for me. I'll give you the money you need from time to time, Margot—certainly I have never done anything that might make you think I was a tightwad."

"But, Thoe," I began and then hesitated. I hardly knew how to proceed.

"Well, go ahead, what's up?"

"Ever since I was a little girl, Thoe, I have had a stipulated allowance. It has never been very large, as you know my father

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is not a wealthy man, but I was accustomed to it and managed to make it do. I wonder if you realize that the only money I have had from you since we've been married was the \$200.00 you gave me in New York."

"But I knew that between your father and dad you had everything you needed," he interrupted. "If not, why didn't you ask for it?"

"That is just the point, Theo. I don't want to ask anybody for anything."

"Your father has generously made it possible for you to have an income of \$4,500.00. Of this I am asking what would be given to me by law, one third. If you feel that this is not fair under our arrangement of staying on here, where I have practically no responsibility and it could not be considered in the light of compensation for my share in affairs, let us go by ourselves and live upon your salary, putting the thing on an equitable and businesslike basis. I think we would be happier in the end. I know that I would."

"Margot, you make me tired. Give up this beautiful home and really make Dad unhappy just for the sake of some little suffragette whim of yours? I guess not. And I'm really amazed to think that you, of all women in the world, look upon marriage as a paying proposition to the woman. Why, you are my wife, not my mistress or my housekeeper."

"I'm not sure but what I would rather be either than what you are making me, a dependent who must beg. In fact, this discussion would never have been necessary, if you had any reasonable or even decent views regarding what is due the wife you pretend to reverence and respect. I shall never feel the same toward you and our love again."

Theo looked at me in silence and then went into his own room and slammed the door, and I, between paroxysms of tears prepared for bed.

Not being able to get to sleep until nearly morning. I awakened late and found that Theo had gone to the office without saying goodbye to me. Our promise to each other never to go to sleep with anger in our hearts had been broken and now it would have been better had it never been made.

As soon as I had eaten my breakfast I went over to Dad's. I found Letty and my father in the library as usual. She had evidently been reading him the morning paper.

"It's good to look at you," I said. "I didn't think there could be so much happiness in the world."

"Go on, don't jolly your old father," was dad's joyous remark, but Letty with feminine intuition shot me a quick glance.

"I've come to get some of my things out of the little tower room, Dad."

My father's face fell.

"I'd hate to feel that my daughter did not have a room of her own in my house," he said.

"But, your Honor," expostulated Letty, "Margot must take some of the little intimate belongings of her childhood home into her new life."

"Yes, I suppose so," said Dad, "but we won't disturb the rest. Baby Doll you know Margot is going to have a regular overhauling of the old house this spring."

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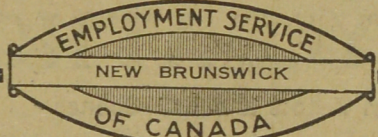
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