

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

AN EDITORIAL FOR ME.

Theo read the caption again: "What Does the Zoo Mean to You?" and then started the editorial itself. It read:

"You and every other man, women and child in your city own part of the Zoo. It is with your money it was purchased; it is with your money it is kept up. Yet how many times do you, Mr. Business Man, and you, Mrs. Society Woman, go to the Zoo during the year? 'The children go,' you answer, as you start for the matinee or the Dansant, never thinking that the primitive joy of the Zoo holds more real pleasure than the most sophisticated of modern amusements. At least once a week every man and woman would be the better for getting back to Nature's heart; for communing with the trees, the grass, the flowers; for laughing at the antics of the furred and feathered comedians; for realizing that the most wonderful music in the world is the joyous laughter of little children at play in the open. Unless the man and woman of today can go back to the spontaneous and simple delights of childhood for an hour or two occasionally, that man or woman has lost the real capacity of living to its fullest extent.

"When the feel of a soft, furry animal fluff in your arms gives you no thrill; when the comical efforts of the ugliest water fowl trying to gobble the food you carelessly throw it provokes no smile; when the golden sunshine of out of doors does not go to your head like wine; when you cannot dismiss the abstruse problems of the world's business or the modern ideas of the world's pleasures and get out beyond where you become a part of Nature's great plan; when you cannot idly lull your brain to sleep and only indulge your five senses primitively as does the child, without grafting on them the grossness that sophistication brings, you are lost indeed."

"Is it possible that there is another man in this world who has had the same experience that my playmate had the other afternoon?" I asked myself. Then I remembered that on the sleeve of his soldier's overcoat, which he slipped on as he left the store to put me in my car, was the green band with the letter "G," the insignia of a war correspondent. When I talked with him it didn't occur to me that his rank had been anything as peaceful as this, as he also wore the red ribbon of the Legion D'honneur, but now I realized that there were a number of newspaper correspondents who had received this honor and at least one who had received the Croix de Guerre.

I knew the man who wrote that editorial was the man who was able to play as simply as a child, and I was almost sure that he was my playmate of the other day.

"The old fellow's right at that, I guess," said Theo, glancing over the editorial again. "We'll go out to the Zoo a lot, Margot."

"All right," I said heartily, and I felt ashamed of my petti-

## THE KING'S HIGHWAY

The London road is the King's Highway,  
Traffic forever by night and day.  
Up and down, upon foot and horse,  
Soldier and sailor and men of the Force;  
Carriage and motor, and gypsy van,  
Tight-hearted children and touring man,  
Down from the ages through years to be,  
Many the journeys from land to sea.  
Homeless men on the King's highway,  
Tired and draggled, and hopeless, they,  
Wearily tramping to Portsmouth Town  
Over the last long slopes of Down:  
Traveller's joy upon either hand,  
Mocks their plight in a pleasant land,  
And the long hot road, first sand, then chalk,  
Echoes the steps of their dreary walk.  
I fancy the blackbirds and thrushes sing  
Of fallow and farmstead and sundried ling;  
Of the stonechat's chink, and the plover's cry,  
And the little clouds in a blue, blue sky;  
Of commons and hills and the harbor boats—  
And ever anon, to their cheerful notes,  
The soldiers march, and the children play  
And the tramps drag over the King's highway.  
—Country Life.

ness in being provoked because I saw Theo driving in the park with his office girl, when I had spent that whole glorious afternoon in the park with the playmate who I was sure had written this editorial.

Why should wedded lovers lessen their regard for each other by making it only a feeling of possession?

In his heart of hearts Theo feels that I belong to him. I may be perhaps the greatest of his possessions, like the largest agate in a collection of marbles, but I am nevertheless catalogued in his mind as something he owns.

When anything comes up like seeing a strange girl in Theo's motor I have the same feeling; one of unreasoning possession and blind jealousy. But in my calmer moments I know that the bond between husband and wife should be composed of sympathy, toleration, understanding, equality and love, which would do away with the idea of possession on the part of the man and bondage on the part of the woman.

"Isn't that your father, Margot?" asked Theo as a motor came up the drive.

"Why, so it is; I'm so glad he's able to get out. I wonder if Letty's bringing him out here to dinner for a change?"

"I heard Budge tell Dad today that your father is getting better very fast and that he will probably be back in his office before long. I must say he looks pretty fit for a sick man now. But that wife of his, Margot, would call a man back from the dead. I don't remember her at all in burlesque."

(Tomorrow—"Letty's Manner is Surprising.")



## MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for the reconstruction of eastern breakwater at Quaco, N. B.," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, September 17, 1919, for the reconstruction of the eastern breakwater at Quaco (St. Martins) County of St. John, N. B.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineers at St. John, N. B.; Halifax, N. S., and at the Post Office, St. Martins, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 p.c. of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

Note.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$10.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

By order,  
R. C. DESROCHERS,  
Secretary.  
Department of Public Works,  
Ottawa, Aug. 20, 1919.

## MATCHES AND CHILDREN

"Another death due to carelessness is recorded in the Runymede district, and this time, it is matches which were the cause. Little Annie Nowiski, aged six years, while playing with matches, lighting them and burning straws on the kitchen floor, set fire to her dress, then ran upstairs and hid in bed fearing her father would give her a spanking. By the time she got under the bed clothes she was in flames and set fire to the clothes and mattress, causing such a volume of smoke that she was suffocated."—Regina Leader.

Children will play with matches when given the opportunity. Fire has a fascination for them. They know not the dangers.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on FRIDAY, the 5th September, 1919, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, 3 times per week, on the Chipman Rural Route No. 1, commencing at the pleasure of the Postmaster General.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the post offices of Chipman, Linton and Dugherly and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,  
Post Office Inspector.  
Post Office Inspector's Office,  
St. John, N. B., July 21st, 1919.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given, that the public schools of the city will be reopened on TUESDAY MORNING, the 26th instant. Permits may be obtained at the office of the School Board, in the High School building, on and after the 19th instant.

Before issuing a permit the Secretary must be furnished with a physician's certificate, or other satisfactory evidence of vaccination. (See Schools Act.)

Parents will take notice that children who will not have reached the age of six years by the 15th day of September next, cannot be admitted.

By order,  
CHAS. A. SAMPSON,  
Secretary.  
Official Board School Trustees,  
Fredericton, Aug. 11, 1919.

## CLOTHES CLEANED

PRESSED and REPAIRED  
for Ladies and Gentlemen.  
W. E. SEERY  
251 George Street.

## NOTICE

I have taken out a truckman's license and now a prepared to give prompt attention to all orders in that line.

Call up 204-41.  
CHARLES WELSH.

# Ford

### Electric Starting and Lighting

NO car has a better starting and lighting system than that now available to purchasers of Ford Cars. It is a Ford product, built into the motor—

—a positive starter as reliable as the motor itself:

—a powerful lighting system, uniform under all engine speeds.

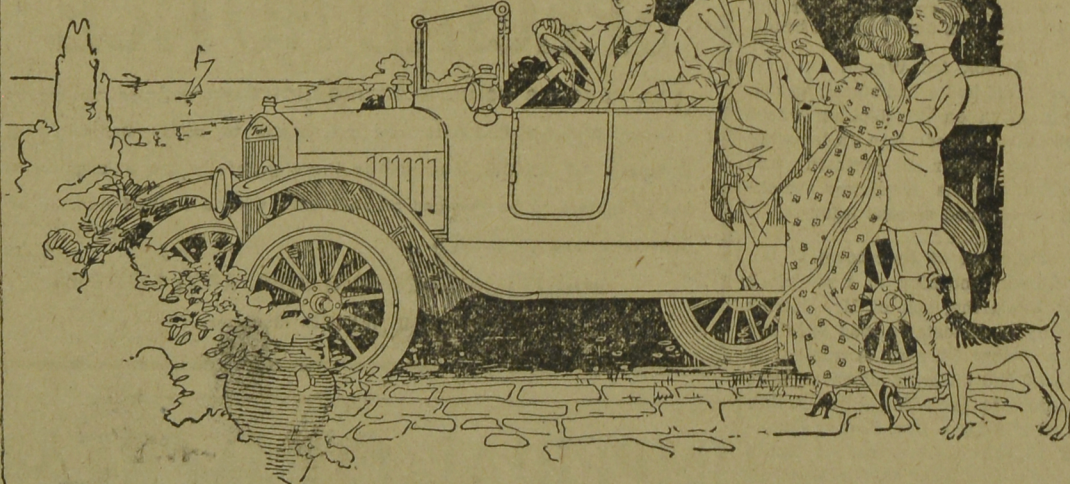
On the open models—Touring Cars and Runabouts—it is OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT.

On closed cars—Sedans and Coupes—it is STANDARD EQUIPMENT.

On all models the Ford Standard Magneto also provides ignition independent of the batteries.

See the Ford car with this new equipment.

Ford Runabout \$660; Touring \$690  
On open models the Electric Starting and Lighting Equipment is \$100 extra.  
Coupe \$975; Sedan \$1175 (closed model prices include Electric Starting and Lighting Equipment).  
These prices are F. O. B. Ford, Ont. and do not include the War Tax.



R. L. PHILLIPS, Dealer . . . . . Fredericton  
R. L. PHILLIPS & CO., Dealers . . . . . Florenceville  
W. B. SAMPSON, Dealer . . . . . St. Stephen

## SOME FAMOUS SAYINGS OF NOTED MEN

Noah—"After me, the deluge."  
David Belasco—"Hitch your wagon to a star."  
Richard Canfield—"The play's the thing."  
Ty Cobb—"A hit, a hit, a palpable hit."  
Jonah—"There are as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught."  
Ban Johnson—"L'etat c'est moi!"  
Wilhelm Hohenzollern—"Say nothing, but saw wood."  
Dante—"The bells of hell go tingaling for thee, but not for me!"  
Moses—"Open covenants, openly arrived at."  
Cagliostro—"You can fool part of the people all the time."  
P. T. Barnum—"You can fool all the people part of the time."  
Old Doc. Cook—"You cannot fool all the people all the time."  
Brigham Young—"There is one born every minute."  
G. K. Chesterton—"All roads lead to rum."  
Omar Khayyam—"Where do we go from here?"  
Oliver Cromwell—"Wasn't that a dainty dish to set before a king?"  
King Solomon—"Come live with me and be my love."  
De Valera—"Armagh virumque cano."  
Louis XIV.—"The public be damned."  
Henry VII—"Woman's place is in the home."  
Bill Hart—"Go West, young man, go West!"  
Burleson—"I die hard."  
Don Juan—"Chickens come home to roost."  
Columbus—"Who reads an American book," etc.  
Caesar—"I believe in giving the people the sort of show they want."

## GEN. TURNER ARRIVES HOME

Quebec, Aug. 22—The city of Quebec today had the honor of welcoming home one of her most distinguished sons in the person of Lieut. General Sir Richard Turner, V. C., K. C. B., etc. who returned on the steamer Melita together with Lady Turner and their three children.

## Power and Hand Pump Sprayers

WATSON TRIPLEX and HAND PUMP.

ASPINWALL SINGLE and DOUBLE CYLINDER SPRAY-MOTOR with top and bottom spray.  
DEERING MOWERS, RAKES, TEDDERS, HAY LOADERS, REAPERS and BINDERS.

We stock repairs for machinery sold and can give you prompt service.

## J. Clark & Son Ltd.

# It is easy to order a CONCRETE HOUSE



Send your Plans Sketches or Description to us, and we shall gladly send you without obligation on your part an estimate of quantities and costs of Concrete Blocks

## FREE SERVICE COUPON

CONCRETE BUILDERS, LIMITED, FREDERICTON, N. B.,

Gentlemen,—Without cost to me, send the following which I have marked X: —Booklets illustrating Hollow Blocks, —Price List of Concrete Hollow Blocks, —Price List of Agricultural Tile, —Price List of Reinforced sewer Pipe, —Estimate of Concrete Blocks required for the attached house plans or sketches.

Name . . . . .  
Address . . . . .