

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

ANOTHER TRIP TO THE ZOO.

"That's merely the maternal instinct in you, Margot," said Eline, when I tried to tell her why I would forgive Theo. "You are standing up for the weaker one. You should have a large family; you'd make a splendid mother."

"I hope I shall have at least four children," I said seriously. "I think the woman who lives and dies without the thrill of motherhood has missed the greatest thing in the world. She has missed the one great thing for which she was created and whatever she, in her restless longing, may make of her life and work she knows in her heart of hearts that she is an utter failure."

Why, Margot, are you as serious as all that about it; have you ever said all this to Theo?"

"My dear Eline, I am so serious that I have never been able to speak to him about it. It would break my heart if he laughed at me when I told him, and you know he would be very apt to."

"Look, look, Margot, the keeper is letting a woman hold one of the lion cubs; let's go over. Maybe he will let us pet one. You know him, don't you?"

I felt myself grow hot and cold and said:
"After awhile let us go to the lake now."

We drove around, stopped the car and there I saw my greedy duckling still beginning for food and giving a laughable exhibition whenever anything was thrown into the lake. I looked around expectantly and then took myself to task, saying to my other self:

"What are you looking for? Don't you know that fairy tales like that of yesterday can never last? Be satisfied with the beautiful adventure, for if it were repeated it would probably lose its charm. Like the fragrance of a rose, it is the more fascinating because inevitably fleeting."

We lingered about the park in the sunshine for an hour or two and finally Eline said:

"We mustn't chase rainbows too long today and tire you out again. I almost forgot to tell you that Theo has asked Major Gordon and some of the other officers back to the house tonight to dance and we must call up all the old crowd. It will be a nice reunion for us all. Dad said this morning he wanted us to go on living just the same as though mother were with us and she always enjoyed having us all together at the house, you know."

"I wonder if my dad would feel able to come over?" I said. I'd like to introduce Letty to them all, provided you think it is all right, Eline. It's a dull existence for the poor girl while dad is ill."

"Of course I want her over here", said Eline cordially. "Father has been thinking of going over to see your dad for some time. We'll have Robert take him over tonight and bring Letty back."

"Strange, isn't it, Margot, that we all objected so strenuously to Letty at first, and she has proved to be so charming? That shows how appearance and environment will prejudice us and how environment affects appearance for look at Letty now. You would never take her to be a product of the footlights. I noticed that so much during my settlement work in New York. If we could give a man a job that would insure a better home, even if it were no more than two rooms for one, there was instant improvement, not only in the outward appearance but in the spiritual ideals of the whole family."

Eline was so interested in her subject that she neglected her driving and suddenly around a corner pell-mell came a dingy looking car. It was impossible to avoid it entirely and the driver gave us a good hard bump, ripping off one of our back fenders. We were much frightened, but upon getting out had to laugh, for our car looked comically like a disabled bird. The man also laughed and acknowledged that he was in the wrong; that we had the right of way, and said:

"It's lucky I'm a repair man. I'll tow your car to my shop; put it in shape and will be glad to drive you home in one of my cars."

"Moral," said Eline, "if you must have a collision, collide with an auto repair man."

We laughed over the shakeup all the way home, and Theo remarked that if we fell in the water we wouldn't get wet; a comment that I contrasted with Major Gordon's that same evening when we told him of our accident.

(TOMORROW—"ROBERT DISAPPROVES.")

U. S. DEMANDS THE RELEASE OF ARMEN HELD BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Washington, Aug. 18.—The United States Embassy at Mexico City was instructed today by the State Department to immediately call upon the Mexican government for quick action to effect the release of Lieuts. Paul Davis and Harold C. Peterson, American army aviators, who were captured by Mexican bandits near Candelaria, Texas, while patrolling the border, and who are threatened with death unless \$15,000 ransom is paid today. The State Department's announcement said:

"The instructions pointed out the seriousness with which the United States government views the situation, and called for immediate and adequate action."

The American consul at Juarez also was instructed to take all possible steps with the Mexican authorities there to secure release and protection of the officers. State Department officials said the ransom demanded would be paid as soon as information could be had as to where and to whom the money was to be delivered.

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EVERYONE PLEASED.

Mistress—What did those ladies say when you told them I was not at home?

Maid—They said, "How lovely!"

When the mercury gets to 94 or thereabouts, everybody feels just about that old.

BUY IN CANADA AND HELP THE INDUSTRY AND CREDIT OF CANADA

(Fort William Times-Journal.)

The man who finds that one store is charging him a dollar for goods which are sold to him in another store for 95 cents will automatically, all other things being equal, take his custom to the place where he gets most goods for the least money.

The fact that a perfectly good Canadian dollar bill will buy a dollar's worth in Canada and only 95 cents worth in the United States is an element of protection to the Canadian producer which comes by process of nature without any Act of Parliament, order in council or international pact.

The same thing applies to Great Britain, whose pound sterling will only purchase \$4.40 in American goods instead of the normal \$4.85. Wild efforts to stabilize exchange and bring it back to normal are liable to do more harm than good, since the natural regulator is the increase of purchases by the Americans from Canada and Britain, and the decrease of trade the other way. And unless Canada and Britain desire to become still bigger debtors to the United States this normal process of regulation is the best thing possible.

The fact that the United States is today in possession of a vast supply of goods that it desires to sell, makes the anxiety of the financiers of that country far keener with regard to stabilizing exchange than that which prevails in British financial circles. Protectionists especially should see in the adverse rate a heaven-sent tariff, not of their making, while the Manchester school can raise no objection to a condition which is simply a foregone consequence of their pet fetish, supply and demand.



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SUMMER COMPLAINT IS A SERIOUS BOWEL TROUBLE

Very few people escape an attack of Summer Complaint. It may be slight, or it may be severe, but nearly everyone is liable to it.

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Mrs. L. J. Alteen, wife of the well known wholesale and retail fish dealer, 44 Hill St., Amherst, N. S., writes: "I have four children the oldest being eight years old. Every summer they were troubled with Summer Complaint. Doctors' prescriptions did not seem to help them any. One day a friend asked me to use Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. I at once got a bottle, and to my surprise and wonder, I soon saw a change in them. I now keep a bottle of it in the house all the time, and will recommend it to any mother."

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"Oh, how perfectly sweet—"

"For I shan't be able to give you anything at all."



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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 Doherty and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,
Post Office Inspector.
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 16th day of September next, cannot be admitted.

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