

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife By Idah McGlone Gibson

### THEO TRIES TO MAKE AMENDS.

"Margot, you did not do that," exclaimed Eliene, when I told her I had congratulated the Major.

"Why not?" I really think I might have that reward after my work for him and you."

"You deserve anything and everything that not only I can give you but all the good that anyone else can give, and I want you to understand if Sallie Saunders begins any of her blarneyisms on Theo, why I'll take that young lady in hand myself.

I looked up and found it was growing light. "I must go now, Eliene," I exclaimed. "It is near morning. The light is breaking over there. I'll just tiptoe into my room, so as not to wake Theo."

I need not have worried, for after I had undressed I peeped into Theo's room and found him lying across his bed with all his clothes on, in drunken, sodden sleep.

"She has begun her work," I said to myself bitterly. "She has already made Theo forget his promise to me about drinking."

I crept back to bed but I could not sleep, and finally about nine o'clock I heard Theo get up clumsily and with a few muttered curses go into the bath room.

My head was splitting and I could answer truly when he put his head through my door after his after his bath and asked in surprise: "Are you ill, Margot? I thought you would be up hours ago."

"My head is aching and I am feeling much too ill to get up," I answered.

He went back to his room to dress without a word. I knew that he did not dare to come over and kiss me for fear that I would catch the odor of liquor on his breath. I heard him brush his teeth and gargle his throat with extra care and my soul fairly sickened at the thought that he was preparing to betray me with a kiss.

In a moment he came in and coming up to my bed he laid beside me six beautiful pairs of silk stockings, saying: "I saw these yesterday and thought you would like them."

"Then your business was successful?"

"Fairly so. Don't you like the stockings, Margot?" he asked for I had not touched them.

I felt it was impossible for me to touch them, as I knew that Sallie Saunders had not only selected them, but she probably had duplicated the order for herself.

Sometimes I wonder just how far a gift that costs a man nothing but money goes toward saving his conscience after he has done something that he knows would hurt his wife extremely.

It is a very easy way to even things, and lately I have almost gotten to the place where I wonder what Theo has been doing whenever he brings me a bouquet of flowers or any other present. I think, however, I would have been pleased with the stockings for they were particularly expensive and beautiful, if I had not realized that Sallie Saunders was gloating over the idea of picking them out for me under circumstances that would make me writhe if I had known it.

Well, I did know and was writhing, but I managed to answer: "I do not like anything this morning, even myself."

"But you must love me, Margot," said Theo with his mouth upcurling. He waited a minute for me to answer, but I could not have told him I loved him if it would have saved his life, for right beside him I saw Sallie Saunders' wickedly bright green eyes. She had resented very greatly the way I had treated her in New York and the way I had kept away from her since her illness when she told how she had betrayed Tim. And yet I could not tell him that I saw him walking up the streets of Springfield, probably on his way to buy these very stockings, for he would immediately ask: "Why were you over there?"

"Well, try and rest," he said easily, "and I will be home early and take you out for a little ride. The air may do you good. Do you want me to do anything for you this morning?"

"No, Theo, I will not bother you, as you will probably be very busy finishing up the business that took you out of town yesterday," I said.

Theo looked at me curiously for a moment, then turned quickly away to hide from me the color that I knew he felt surging to his face.

(Tomorrow—"A Woman's Heart is Capricious.")

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## FRANK URBAN IN PALS FIRST HERE TONIGHT

Urban Stock Company to Open Four Day's Engagement at the City Opera House.

It is an established and well recognized fact that many of the leading players of the American stage have achieved their greatest success in a single role. For instance, if David Warfield's name is mentioned it recalls "The Music Master," while H. B. Warner instantly reminds one of "Alias Jimmy Valentine."

This rule applies to stock companies and an instance of this was clearly shown when Frank Urban selected Tom Wise's greatest success "Pals First," as the opening play of The Urban Stock Co., which commences a three days' engagement at the City Opera House Wednesday. Both press and public wherever the Urban Stock Co. has appeared this season claim that Frank Urban never had a role better suited to his talents than that of "Domine" in "Pals First."

"Pals First" was taken from Francis Perry Elliott's novel of the same name and published by Harper and Bros., later being put in dramatic form by Lee Wilson Dodd and was played with great success by Tom Wise, proving one of the best comedy dramas of recent years. The Urban Stock Co. carry special scenery for this popular play and every detail has been carefully carried out.

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## VOLCANO IN ERUPTION

Honolulu, Sept. 30—Mount Mauna Loa, on Hilo Island, burst into new eruption late last night and a wide stream of lava began pouring down the Kona side destroying many homes. The residents of the Kona side are reported fleeing to the sea, which is thirty miles distant.

## ELECTRIC BATH PROVED FATAL TO OCCUPANT

A Well Known Old Country Business Man is Electro-cuted Through An Accident.

London, Sept. 25—Mr. Walter H. Eckersley, a director of the Fine Cotton Spinners' Association, was accidentally electrocuted while taking an electric bath at his residence, Atherton Old Hall, Leigh, Lancashire. The cable conducting the electric current fell in the water, and Mr. Eckersley received a fatal shock.

"There are several fatalities of this kind on record," said an electrical authority to a Standard representative yesterday. "The home-made electric bath has two electrodes, one at the head and the other at the foot. The electric current is supplied from the main."

"The bath should be properly insulated from the earth, because if not there is a danger both of electric shock by leakage to earth or by the person coming in contact with earth currents."

"Further there is a risk in the sudden cessation and re-making of the current owing to accidental breakage of the connection or switch on and off while the person is in the bath. A shock of low voltage may be sufficient to cause death in a full body-bath, particularly when the person's heart is weak. It is a risky business, since the current is merely lowered by resistance and it is best to be properly treated in a hospital type of four-cell bath. There should be separate porcelain bathtubs for the legs and arms and an apparatus which allows the current to be switched on and off gradually. Instruments record the amount of current that is passing."

## BACON MAY DROP IN PRICE

Ottawa, Sept. 29—There may be a drop in Bacon. In view of certain sentiments expressed at the recent investigations in Toronto and elsewhere by members of the commission on the cost of living, and seeing that the price of hogs has now got back close to where it was last spring, while retail prices have shown a reluctance to follow suit, it would not be surprising if an order should come before long that the packers should be obliged to base their quotations to conform with the price of hogs, which would bring them down to where they were last March. There has been a considerable advance in retail prices since that time.

It is also probable that in order to save the milk dealers the big loss they suffer from bottles broken or lost, it will be provided that milk will only be delivered in bottles when the empty bottles is returned.

Again the reactionary derby bows stiffly and assumes a dominant position.



SCENE FROM "PALS FIRST," AS PRESENTED BY THE URBAN STOCK CO. AT OPERA HOUSE WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 1.

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