

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

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THE MAJOR'S DANCE.

"You have arrived in the nick of time, Dick," said Eline as he alighted from the car. "Major Gordon has been lamenting the fact that he did not have enough people to make up a party. Some friend has sent him some game and he must have help to eat it."

Only Letty demurred a little in accepting the invitation, as she seemed to think she should go back to Dad.

"I'll telephone dad, dear, that we will send you back the minute dinner is over," I said, for I wanted her to have the pleasure of this impromptu party.

Father seemed quite pleased to know that Letty was going to have dinner with us. "Dr. Robert has just come in," he said, "and will keep me company at dinner, so she need not feel that I shall be lonely. Poor girl, she hasn't had a bit of pleasure in a long while. She has been tied down to my sick room."

"Let me speak a moment," said Letty eagerly. "Are you very sure you will not miss me, your Honor?"

Letty listened a moment with a smile and then answered. "Of course, I know you always miss me, but I feel better now that I know Dr. Robert is with you. Tell him I am glad I ordered a nice dinner."

It was almost pathetic to see how eagerly Letty entered into all our foolishness. The Major invited in some other officers and somebody started the phonograph. Before we knew it we were all dancing while we waited for dinner to be served.

"I so love ze fox when he trot, but you make him run," said Valere, out of breath, as the music stopped, at which we all laughed heartily.

"This is my dance," said the Major as someone started a beautiful waltz, and Dick offered his arm to Letty.

I blessed Aunt Margie because I knew that she has whispered to Dick to be nice to Letty.

"Do you know, Mrs. Symone, that I never danced with you in New York?" observed the Major as we began the hesitation. "Yes, and I rather wondered that you did not ask me."

"It was not because I did not want to but your husband is so fond of dancing and you both dance so well together I hesitated to ask you, knowing you would be polite enough to assent."

"You were almost too polite," I answered while I was thinking. "It is queer that seeing him dance with Mrs. Charlton, I did not realize how wonderfully the Major dances."

Then Major Gordon said: "I certainly wouldn't have been quite so unselfish if I had known how well we dance together. This is the most perfect of waltzes."

I looked up suddenly in his face and for an instance caught a glimpse of something rather tragic and I wondered if there had once been a girl of whom I reminded him.

It seemed as though we had danced together many times before and I almost felt that it was awakening from a dream to both of us when the music suddenly stopped.

"You have given me, my dear Mrs. Symone, some of the happiest moments I have known in years," said the Major as he led me to my seat.

When I contrasted the intonation of his voice with that of Thoe's over the phone I wondered if ever again I could feel the same toward Thoe. Just now I could only see him as he looked the night before.

Eline said to me last evening when we talked about the pretty lingerie:

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WANTS IT BAD.

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"Well," I don't often smoke," apologized the stingy man, as he puffed his nickel cigar, "but when I do want a smoke I want it bad."

HIS BREATH GONE.

Wigwag—What do you think of prohibition?

Guzzler—I quite takes my breath away.

must look well for her husband meet him with a smile, and dress dainty even if she comes from the kitchen range to open the door for him."

"I have never noticed a man who seemed to think his wife objected to him with a two day's stubble on his face or otherwise unkempt.

"Neither Theo nor Robert ever took any pains to make themselves presentable to me, but mother always insisted that I look my best when I made my appearance before them.

"I expect," she said after a little pause, "that it's woman's first duty to look well and it's man's first duty to be well. In other words, a woman must always seem and a man must be. We are all actresses, Margot, so much so that I am not sure when the acting ends and reality begins."

(MONDAY—"THE QUARREL BEGINS.")

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YES, SIR, IT'S A STRANGE WORLD

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When the Rev. S. T. James confided to his flock that he was going to Chicago for a visit, the last thing the president of the Ladies' Aid Society told him, after the presentation of the carpet slippers was

"Pastor, do be careful to ask your way, so you won't get lost and have goodness knows what happen to you."

"Tut! tut!" he said. "I know something of the world."

On reaching Chicago, the pastor inquired the direction of the west side cars and by a strange coincidence the stranger was headed just that way.

Suddenly something crashed against the preacher's head. When a patrolman found him his watch and \$15 was gone, but \$30 remained in the toe of his shoe. "I fooled 'em," said the pastor.

HE ONLY THINKS SO.

Fond Mother—I hope that young man never kisses you by surprise.

Daughter—No, mother, he only thinks he does.

ONLY WHEN IN USE.

For the love of Mike!" exclaimed the friend. "Does this flier always make this racket?"

"Naw," replied the driver. "Only when it's running."

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