

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson.
MARGOT PHONES THEO.

Resolutely I dried my eyes as I dressed for the day, and I put my hair up in frivolous fashion. Quickly I called my maid and told her to pack both the bags belonging to Mr. Symone and myself. Then I donned my prettiest gown and most fascinating hat. I would have an hour or two more of "the music and laughter" if I must ever after look to the gray of a commonplace existence or even the murky shadows of a scandal-clouded married life.

I was not sure just what I was going to do, but my nerves were drawn so taut by the events of the last twenty-four hours that I felt I must in some way get away from them or go stark, staring mad.

"Come on," I said to Elienne, "let's go down and announce your engagement."

"All right; but just how do you propose to do it?"

"Well, first we will go over and tell Aunt Margie. Then I would like to go on to Aunt Mollie's. I want to see the girl Chad has married before I go away. After that we will stop in at the hotel and take Mrs. Charlton to tea somewhere. And after telling her I think probably we will have enough excitement to call it a day."

"But perhaps you ought to stay home and wait for a telephone from Theo, Margot. He may want to take an early afternoon train."

"I know a better way than that," I said, taking up the receiver.

"Give me Central seven-two-two."

"I would like to speak to Mr. Theo Symone."

"That you, Theo?"

"When will we start?"

"Tonight at midnight? That's fine. I'll be all ready. I am going out now to pay some calls."

"Just why do you think I should stay at home? I want to tell our friends of Eliene's engagement."

"Well, I cannot help it if you do expect to be home some time this afternoon. Of course if you will set an hour when you will be at home I will be here, but surely you cannot expect me to wait when you are uncertain about coming at all."

"All right, I'll be home to dinner. Have you heard any more about Emil Baur's escape? Have they found him yet?"

"You hope not. Why, Theo, I thought you were a patriot. Emil Baur was a traitor to his country."

"Oh, yes, I know," but there are some things, Theo, that a man cannot get away from and that is the consequence of his own acts."

I hung up the 'phone before Theo could answer and Eliene, watching me, said: "Do you know, Margot, I never in my life saw quite such an expression on your face. It is not pretty, dear. It reminds me of a cat torturing a mouse before finally putting it out of misery."

I laughed a little as I said: "Sometimes, my dear Eliene, a woman cannot help showing the feline in her nature."

"But is it wise to show it to her husband, no matter how much he deserves it?" Eliene queried.

"Not only does all the world love a lover, my dear Eliene, but a lover loves all the world. Yesterday you were very angry with Theo, but today you would pity him a little when I manage to leave him for a bad quarter of an hour with remorse."

(Tomorrow—"Eliene Announces Her Engagement.")

LOWER QUEENSBURY

Lower Queensbury, Oct. 23—As it has been some few weeks since the readers of the Mail have had any news from old Queensbury the correspondent will try and find some.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cliff of Fredericton are at present visiting their old home and many friends in this place.

Lorne Brown was calling on friends at Granite Hill on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rosborough are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cliff have just returned from a visit to the West visiting friends at Vancouver, Seattle, Victoria, Boston and several other cities, and report a very pleasant trip ended.

Mrs. Amos Jordan has returned from Granite Hill where she has been nursing for a few weeks.

Ruby Jordan is at present visiting friends at upriver points.

Clarence Dykeman is at present at

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Macinacque threshing.

Mrs. Alex. Hood of this place is at present visiting her daughter Mrs. William Jones, as Mr. and Mrs. Jones are rejoicing over the arrival of a little stranger at their home—it is a girl.

Mr. Lloyd Jewett passed through this place on his way to the woods for Mr. Gills of Doaktown who is lumbering on the Cliff block.

Fred Gunter is helping Murray Murch of Macinacque finish his fall work. Fred likes that part of the country pretty well.

We are glad to hear that some of our good old friends of Vancouver are reading The Mail every day and getting the news from their old home—both Upper and Lower Queensbury.

The thing the small boy can't understand is why castor oil should not keep pace in price with ice cream.



FROM THE CHORUS OF "MY SOLDIER GIRL," AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT.

THE STANDARD GAVE PUBLIC THE WRONG DOPE

Tory Organ Predicted a Great Victory for Col. Melville in By-election in Carleton-Victoria.

(St. John Standard, Oct. 25th)

The consensus of opinion in Carleton-Victoria is that Lt. Col. Melville will be elected to the House of Commons by a substantial majority. Every where throughout the constituency voters are rallying to the colonel's standard and he is hailed as the new dominion representative. His strong personality has been a big factor in swinging the title in his favor.

Old time Liberals as well as Conservatives have flocked to his ranks and many farmers too have signified their intention of casting their votes in his favor. The electors feel that they should give their support to Col. Melville on account of his qualifications for representing the people, and also for the fact that once before he gave his services to his country and served on the battle fronts of the empire.

The women electors have been taking a keen interest in the campaign for Colonel Melville and their influence has been exerted on his behalf. The women feel that the soldier candidate will make a real representative of the people, both men and women.

On the other hand it is felt that the Farmers' candidate Mr. Caldwell is rather opposed to women having a say in public affairs, and in many cases at his meetings there has been little or no recognition of the women voters. This fact has been much toward turning the women from supporting the farmer candidate.

The returned men have also cast their lot in with Col. Melville's followers. In him they feel they have one who knows the conditions at the front during the war, and is, therefore able to judge the needs of the former soldiers. They consider Col. Melville as one of themselves and that he stands for those great principles for which Canadian manhood fought and bled on the fields of France and Flanders.

The electors of Carleton-Victoria have already shown where they stand in this bye-election and both liberal and conservatives have come out strongly for Col. Melville.

On the other hand Mr. Caldwell is meeting with scant success although he has been in the field for more than a month his cause has gained but little. In some farming districts he has fair support, but the rank and file of voters have not been drawn to his ranks. The farmers generally feel that Colonel Melville would better serve them as their representative at Ottawa. Some of course, have not given the matter serious consideration and have been caught by the idea of having a former member and so have overlooked the fact, that, if elected, he would be practically alone and would eventually have to cast his lot in with one or the other of the parties in the house and so lose his identity as a farmer representative.

(The latest returns give Mr. Caldwell a majority of 3500.)

PRINCE TO HAVE A BUSY TIME

Montreal, Oct. 27.—A busy week is ahead of the Prince of Wales. This afternoon, after his arrival here, the programme drawn up calls for a visit to the City Hall, where an address of welcome will be read. This evening His Royal Highness attends a public reception at the City Hall. The Prince remains here until next Sunday.

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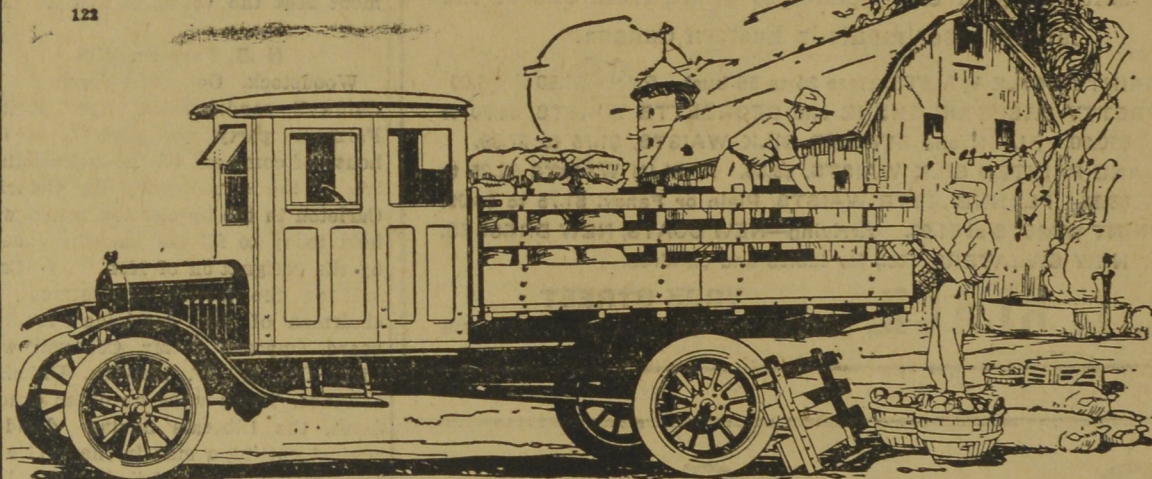
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