

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

AUNT MARGIE REMINISCES.

"Just live for Dad, Letty, that is a good girl," was my comment as I hung up the 'phone thinking what a splendid woman my father's wife was.

I went over to Aunt Margie's and found her very much perturbed over the news that Dick's wife had told her.

"Why, Aunt Margie," I exclaimed, "I thought you would love it."

"I expect I will when I get used to it. But somehow Margot my child, the fact that I shall soon be a grandmother has hit me with crushing force. I never felt old before."

"Does it make you sad to grow old, Aunt Margie?"

"Well it has a tendency to make one stop a little to think. Why, it seems only yesterday that Dick was born, and now a child is to be born to my child."

"I hope you did not let your little daughter-in-law think you were not happy over the coming baby."

"I hope I did not, but I am afraid that Dick was more outspoken. I have not seen Valerie this morning. Dick told me she was not well and I heard him mutter as he went out the dining room door, d—babies anyhow."

"Well, Aunt Margie, I always thought you would be happier over the advent of your grandchildren than you were over the birth of your own child."

"Margot," said Aunt Margie very solemnly. "I never was so happy in all my life as when I knew my first baby was coming."

"When you knew Dick—was coming."

"No, my first baby, who was born dead. It was my greatest happiness and my greatest grief. Even when Dick's father died I did not have that absolute unreasoning sorrow that I had when I knew I should never hold the baby in my arms that I had been looking forward to with such joy."

"Would it have hurt you to have had someone you cared for act unhappy when you told her your baby was coming?"

"It certainly would."

"Perhaps your son's wife is feeling that you do not want to be a grandmother and so she's unhappy."

Aunt Margie said nothing, but she pushed the electric button of her chair vigorously. When the maid came she said: "Go up to Mrs. Richard's room and ask her if she will see Mrs. Symone and me."

The maid came back directly and said: "Mrs. Richard said you were to come up."

I followed Aunt Margie and we found that poor little creature huddled in bed looking like a hurt child who had been reprimanded for something for which it had been expecting to be commended.

Aunt Margie almost rushed to her side and taking her in her arms said tenderly, "Forgive me, Bebe for deserting your when you most needed me."

Dick's wife looked up and gratefully though her tears, and she murmured partly in English and partly in French: "I am so glad ma belle mere that you are not angry with me any more, for I am glad and I long for my home and my mother who is dead."

"I have been very bad to you my sweet," said Aunt Margie as she took the girl in her arms, "but I will make up for it now."

"But Dick, he does not want my baby. I think I'll have to go home to France if he does not love it."

"Dear child, he will love it as he loves you," was Aunt Margie's answer. At this Dick's wife burst into more violent sobs.

"I do not think he will love me, if my baby comes. He says he married a girl to make love to, not a nurse to care for a

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baby."

"He is a brute," I interjected indignantly.

"No, dear, he is just a selfish, thoughtless man, as his father was and as his son will be," said Aunt Margie softly.

"Is it because he does not think?" asked Dick's wife through her tears. "If it is so, I will not grieve, for some time his thinking will come back to him."

"It will come back to him as soon as I can see him," said Aunt Margie rather grimly.

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