

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

A SURPRISE FOR THEO.

Dick was boyishly ardent in his attentions to Valere, but she seemed a little aloof, and I wondered whether it was because of her mood of the morning or merely French coquettishness. At any rate I could see that it kept Dick uncertain and guessing, which was a new sensation for him.

"That is the secret of her power over him; if she can only keep it up," I said to myself, "she will hold his variable fancy." I hoped she was conscious of this fact and would use it as a trump card for Master Dicky would need unusual handling.

I could see Valere's eyes grow big with wonder as she beheld the food that Uncle Jim Edie had ordered.

"Oh I cannot eat so much; it is lovely, but it is so much, so much, and I think of my poor people in France. They have so little. The meat they do not have, the sugar they do not have, the sweets they do not have, and the little children they so like the sweets."

"But they may have more now, dear, than they had when you were there," I said. "Please eat your desert."

She smiled, and after the first spoonful was childlike in her enjoyment of the feast.

After Uncle Jim Edie left us, Dick insisted that we leave my car, which he had dubbed "Creeping Paralysis," and get into his racer, and we made for the country, disregarding most of the traffic rules. Valere had already forgotten her sadness of the morning. Everything combined to make her joyous, he illustrated what Aunt Margie had so often told me: "If you're left alone to mope, your troubles magnify."

"Hello, someone with tire trouble," said Dick, interrupting my thoughts and slowing down. In a moment I recognized Theo's car and at the same moment Dick evidently recognized it also. His glance told him more than mine did me, and he instantly realized that here was a situation in which he must according to his man's code, shield Theo if he could. So he threw his car into high, and it picked up so rapidly that Valere and I were thrown violently backward against the cushions.

As Richard Waverly's car shot past Theo's I raised my head in time to see the apparent reason for his haste. Down in the seat of Theo's car sat the pert girl who had shown me into his office the day before.

Theo didn't see us, as he was bending over his punctured tire. I think the young woman did, however, for she looked around just as I did. Of course the day was spoiled for me.

Dick made no comment, and I don't think Valere recognized Theo. After we had gone a few miles further I said:

"I'm afraid I'm overdoing; I'm still on the convalescent list, you know. Won't you please take me home, Dick and then take your pretty wife for a long drive into the country."

Dick obligingly turned around, but I noticed that he did not take me back the same way we came, and I felt then that it was as much to spare my feelings as to protect Theo.

I was very glad that Eline was not at home when I arrived and I went straight to my room.

"Will I ever get used to my husband's philanderings?" I asked myself, but before I could mope very long the phone rang, and it was Theo. I could tell from the forced gaiety of his voice that the girl had told him we had passed them.

"Hello, Margot. I'm going to take you for a ride. It's such a nice day."

"Have you mended your tire already?"

"What do you mean 'mended my tire'?"

"We passed you on the road about an hour ago and you seemed in tire distress."

"Oh, yes; I called you earlier, but you were out for lunch. I didn't know where you were lunching and I drove the office girl home."

"How strange, the young lady in your office told me yesterday that she lives out North. You were a good way South when I saw you."

"The devil."

"What did you say, Theo?" I asked sweetly.

"Nothing. Look here, Margot, you know you weren't home, and I had no idea where you'd be 'chasing rainbows' this afternoon, and I hate to ride alone. Remember I meant to ask you first."

"Oh, yes, Theo, I know intimately your old cry of 'good intentions.' Hades has added another strip of pavement to your credit."

"It's too nice a day to be cross, however. I never could be unhappy on a sunshiny afternoon, so if you will deliver your office girl to her home on the North side of town, I shall enjoy your company and a nice run out to the country club for dinner. I'll be ready in half an hour."

I knew by the way Theo slammed up the receiver that he had not expected me to accept his invitation, and when he came for me he was as sulky as though I had been the offender, instead of himself. I did not, however, again refer to the episode, but the way of the transgressor is hard. Father Symone had sent the young woman going out with Theo, and that evening sent her two weeks' salary by messenger with the information that her services were no longer required. Of course Theo blamed me for this, but I knew nothing about it for weeks afterward.

At the club, however, we met a number of our congenial friends and Theo soon forgot both his troubles and mine.

While we waited for dinner Theo picked up a paper, and between snatches of conversation he idly scanned it. I noticed it was an out-of-town paper, when Theo said:

"Here, Margot, is something that will interest you. It's an editorial headed: 'What Does the Zoo Mean to You?'"

(MONDAY—"AN EDITORIAL FOR ME.")

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ple was the leading spirit, was acquired by the federal government the year following the purchase of the railway. As the government had put up practically all the money for the building of the bridge the transfer did not involve any financial outlay as it was only necessary to foreclose a mortgage. When the bridge was built in the late eighties the promoters had a pipe dream that the much talked of C. P. R. line would swing through Fredericton, but Sir John Macdonald and the senate put the kibosh on that proposition and Fredericton was given the once over and the company had on its hands a bridge which did not earn sufficient to pay the interest charges on the outlay.

A few weeks ago some interest was created in this vicinity by an announcement that the Soldiers' Set-

tlement Board had issued an edict to the effect that no farms for returned soldiers would be purchased through the medium of real estate agents. It was also stated that a Fredericton firm had spilled the beans by attempting to unload upon a returned man a farm in the St. John Valley which they had just purchased at a price which was found to be \$2000 less than the soldier had been asked to pay. It was such a transparent case of attempted robbery that two citizens of Fredericton felt called upon to bring the facts to the notice of Hon. F. B. Carvell, then Minister of Public Works. An investigation was held by officials sent from Ottawa for the purpose, the sale of the farm was stopped, and then came the edict that so far as real estate agents were concerned in future there would be nothing doing. The names of the real estate agents who attempted to gather in this easy money were not made public, but there is a suspicion that one of them has been known by his activity in that grand triumphvirate of loyalty and patriotism, the L. O. L. the Sons of England and the Tory party.

There is a lot of stuff in the newspapers these days about profiteering, but most of the cases brought to light seem to be in the upper provinces and the west. There are no pork and wheat barons in the maritime provinces, but the people are called upon to pay their shot just the same, and the money finds its way to distant fields. We have many retail grocers in Fredericton, and while none of them are rolling in wealth, householders often grumble at the prices which they charge and intimate that some of them would be profiteers if they got the chance. An incident brought to the notice of the Mail a short time ago is a case in point. A citizen by taking a chance on frosts was able to produce a crop of green beans a month or three weeks in advance of his neighbors. He had more than he needed and sold the surplus to a grocer for fifty cents a peck. The grocer dealt them out to the public by the pound at a price which yielded him \$1.20 per peck. It is frequently said that if

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housewives would only stay away from the country market and give the grocers a chance to beat down the farmers the consumer would get country produce at lower prices. Our advice on this subject is to let well enough alone. If we have got to be fleeced let the farmer do it and not the middlemen.

READING THE SIGNS.

"Wud yes luk at that now," exclaimed Mrs. O'Toole in just indignation as she read Mrs. Flaherty's window card, "Washing and Ironing Done." "Shure she ain't wan bit better than I am, fur I've got me washin' and ironin' done too, but yes don't see me hangin' out no signs braggin' about it."

Women were made a little in advance of mirrors and have managed to keep in front of them ever since.

Breath is the most useful thing in the long run.



MAIL CONTRACT

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 Dogherty and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,

Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, 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.

By order, CHAS. A. SAMPSON, Secretary.

Official Board School Trustees, Fredericton, Aug. 11, 1919.

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Dr. Hamilton's Pills for women's back.

AROUND THE TOWN

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of the line which made a big hit with the audience. Strong resolutions on the subject were passed and forwarded to Ottawa, where they were acknowledged and then pigeon holed. The matter, however, was not allowed to die. It came up again when a worthy son of Fredericton, the late Hon. A. G. Blair, became Minister of Railways in the cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Mr. Blair began the negotiations with Mr. Gibson for the purchase of the road in 1900, but retired from the government before the purchase was completed. It was his successor the late Hon. Henry R. Emmerson, and Mr. Alex. Gibson, Jr., then M. P. for York, who carried out the transaction and saw the road transferred to the Federal authorities. The Fredericton and St. Marys bridge, then owned by a stock company of which the late Senator Tem-

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