

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

MRS. CHARLTON IS COMING.

We had a very merry party at dinner, and I had not seen Dad so happy since the news of Tim's death. At coffee Eliene and Major Gordon joined us. As usual the Major attached himself to me, being as solicitous as ever over my health and seemingly very happy over my improvement.

"Mrs. Charlton writes me that she is going West," the Major informed me. "and I have asked her to stop off for a day or two and bid us all good-bye."

"Great!" exclaimed Theo, who overheard the Major. "We'll show her a good time. I'd like to help her get rid of her New-Yorkitis. I gathered from what she said to me that she considers us very wild and woolly out here."

I think Mrs. Charlton is too broad minded to entertain views of that sort Lieutenant," answered the Major.

"Well, you know, Major, all New Yorkers have it more or less, and after a woman is over thirty she's pretty set in her opinions."

Eliene and I shouted with laughter and explained to Letty that Theo supposed a woman to have reached the dead line at thirty.

"I've always had an idea," said Letty, "that a woman is at her best between thirty and forty."

"Everybody but mothers should be Osterized at forty," said Theo.

Again we all laughed at Theo's sally, but his jest carried a sting, for such a pitiful few of us could claim the honor of motherhood.

After dinner Dad made up a bridge table with some of his friends and the rest of us danced a little while, I don't know whether I was more observant than usual, but I noticed that Robert didn't dance with Letty. "He's been priggish to her and she has resented it," I said to myself, and when he asked me to dance I took him to task.

"What have you been doing to Letty?" I asked.

"I don't understand you, Margot," he answered. "Mrs. Lafferty is not ill; she doesn't need my services."

"Oh, come, Robert; don't try to be so innocent. You haven't spoken to Letty and she hasn't looked at you during this whole evening. Usually you dance attendance about her every minute. I'm going to ask her what you have been doing."

"You've missed your vocation, Margot; you should have been a German spy. If I know Mrs. Lafferty at all, she will tell you no more than I will."

"Then you own that there is something to tell?" I laughed.

"I own nothing," said Robert, losing his temper as well as his step. "Are you dancing or conducting an investigation?"

"I seem to be doing neither just at this moment."

Robert looked at me disgustedly, but I kept right on dancing, although I knew that his greatest wish was to put me down in some corner, as a bad little girl who had annoyed the teacher. He was much relieved when Major Gordon came up, saying:

"I believe the next is ours, Mrs. Margot," and I accepted with as much pleasure as Robert felt when he let me go.

Robert's priggishness bores me to extinction, and I bless my lucky stars every day to think that I chose Theo, with all his inconsistencies. He is at least interesting.

"I'm going to ask you to do me a great favor, Mrs. Margot said the Major. "Will you help me to make Mrs. Charlton's visit a pleasant one? Some day I shall tell you why. It is very probable that I shall not see her again for a long time after her visit here, and I want her to remember it with great pleasure."

"Why, my dear Major, I shall try to make Mrs. Charlton's visit as pleasant as possible on her own account; she was lovely to me while in New York."

"I have already reserved a suite of rooms at the hotel for her," said the Major. "You are always so kind and unselfish I knew you would do this. Dear lady, you have brought into my life a new interest just at a time when I began to think I should never be interested again."

"Did you love the girl who looked like me as much as that? I asked softly.

"So much that I thought I never could love again; but now—"

(Tomorrow—"Theo and I Make Up.")

## DR. TRAVIS AT SACKVILLE

(Sackville Tribune)

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Travis and young daughter, Mary of Montclair, New Jersey, who have been spending several weeks in New Brunswick, arrived in Sackville Saturday and are spending a few days as the guests of the Ford Hotel. Dr. Travis is associate editor of "Forest and Stream," the world-renowned sporting magazine of New York. He was induced to visit New Brunswick by the executive of the recently organized All New Brunswick Tourist, Game and Resources Association, with a view to securing material for a series of articles and lectures on the Province of New Brunswick. He has already visited many parts of the province, spending some time in the big game country, where he secured many fine pictures of moose, deer and other wild animals. Since coming to Sackville the visitors have been given motor drives by Messrs. A. B. Copp, M. P., F. A. Dixon, M. A., and Mr. B. C. Raworth. They have visited old Ford Beausejour have crossed the famous Tantramar marshes, have viewed the beautiful scenery from the Wood Point shore, and have taken pictures of young foxes in the ranches of The Canada Foxes Limited and Dominion Black Foxes Limited. They were greatly impressed with the tameness of the silver black puppies, which seemed to have no fear but came right up to the camera in an effort to find out what it was all about.

This morning in company with Mr. T. Estabrooks, Dr. Travis will visit the haunts of the black duck on the Midgie marshes, the idea being to secure pictures of these birds before the crack of the sportsman's gun disturbs their autumn peace.

From Sackville Dr. Travis will go to Moncton, where he will spend a couple of days, before proceeding to St. John, where he will spend a short time before leaving for his home.

### USEFUL RECEIPTS

#### Borax Water.

Borax water will instantly remove all soil stains from the hands. To make it put some crude borax in a large bottle and fill with water. When the borax is dissolved add more to the water until at last the water can absorb no more and a residuum remains at the bottom of the bottle. To the water in which the hands are to be washed, pour enough from this bottle. Make it quite soft. By its use the hands will be kept in excellent condition, smooth, soft and white.

#### Sewing on Buttons.

When sewing buttons on any garment, if a square of the same goods is hemmed on the under side and the button sewed on directly over the little patch, the buttons will not tear out the cloth.

#### Buttonholes in Thin Material.

When working buttonholes on thin material, baste a small square of linen or lawn under where the buttonhole is to be cut; it will be less difficult to work and will be smoother and stronger. The cloth may be cut away after the buttonhole is finished.

#### To Wash Glass.

To wash any kind of glass, to one

## FEAR FLOOD OF GERMAN PIANOS

London, Aug. 26.—In spite of their war activities, the Germans managed to make pianos. A surplus of 40,000 of these instruments is now lying in German factories ready to be dumped into England at one-half the price of the British pianos.

## COAL MINER A MAGISTRATE

London, Aug. 25.—Daniel Jones, a coal miner, was sworn in at Ashby de la Zouch as a magistrate for Leicestershire.

## A STRANGE FAMILY RECORD

London, Aug. 26.—A man astonished some friends by saying that one of his sitters was buried a hundred years ago. His own age is 65.

He explained it thusly: The sister buried in 1819 was the first born of a family of 22 children and she died in early infancy. The man was the youngest member of the family and was born in 1854, 35 years after his sister.

It's all up with the fellow who is addicted to the practice of building castles in the air.

Providence takes care of some fools by giving them wives to look after them.

What a change a woman makes in a man's life—and what a lot of change she requires while making it.

A comfortable woman is one who realizes that the world doesn't care what size of shoe she wears.

A regular girl never thinks her photo looks like her unless it doesn't look like her.

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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.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for the reconstruction of eastern breakwater at Quaco, N. B." will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, September 17, 1919, for the reconstruction of the eastern breakwater at Quaco (St. Martins) County of St. John, N. B.

Plans and forms of contract can be seen and specification and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of the District Engineers at St. John, N. B.; Halifax, N. S., and at the Post Office, St. Martins, N. B.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on printed forms supplied by the Department and in accordance with conditions contained therein.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 10 p. c. of the amount of the tender. War Loan Bonds of the Dominion will also be accepted as security, or war bonds and cheques if required to make up an odd amount.

Note.—Blue prints can be obtained at this Department by depositing an accepted bank cheque for the sum of \$10.00, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, which will be returned if the intending bidder submit a regular bid.

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## HUMOR IN SHORT METER

### THREE STRIKES.

When women enter baseball  
They shake the batter's nerves.  
I never knew a player who  
Could catch on to their curves.

### AN ODDITY.

The sailor's odd, you will allow  
Who does not kick about the chow.

### MIGHT AS WELL SAY SO.

That doctor should not be at large  
Who does not like to overcharge.

### GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

Willie loved the trolley cars,  
Each day he loved them more,  
But one bumped into him last week,  
There's crape on Willie's door.

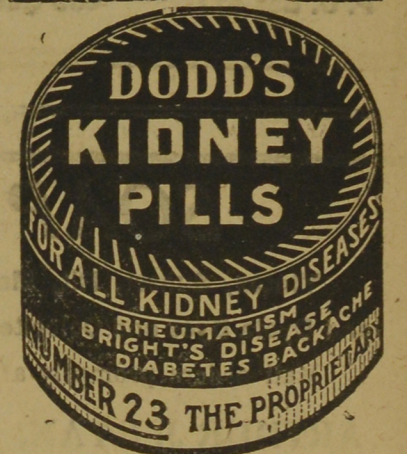
### THE GLAD HAND.

I believe you are only acting.  
Your love is only a play.

If I act so well, won't you give me  
A hand in the usual way?

### WHITHER BOUND?

I lent a book to him;  
He lent it to a friend;  
The friend may take a whim  
The favor to extend.  
He'll lend it to another,  
His sister or his brother,  
And one of these days, maybe,  
My book will be lent to me.

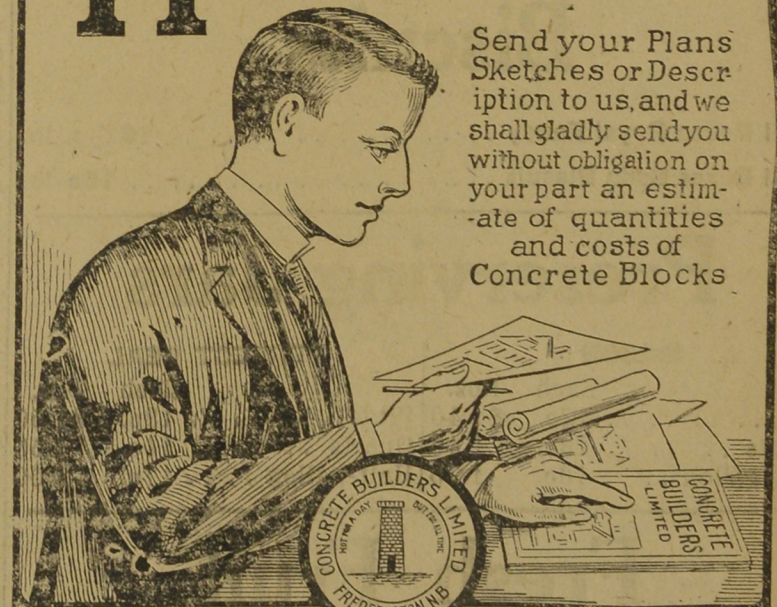


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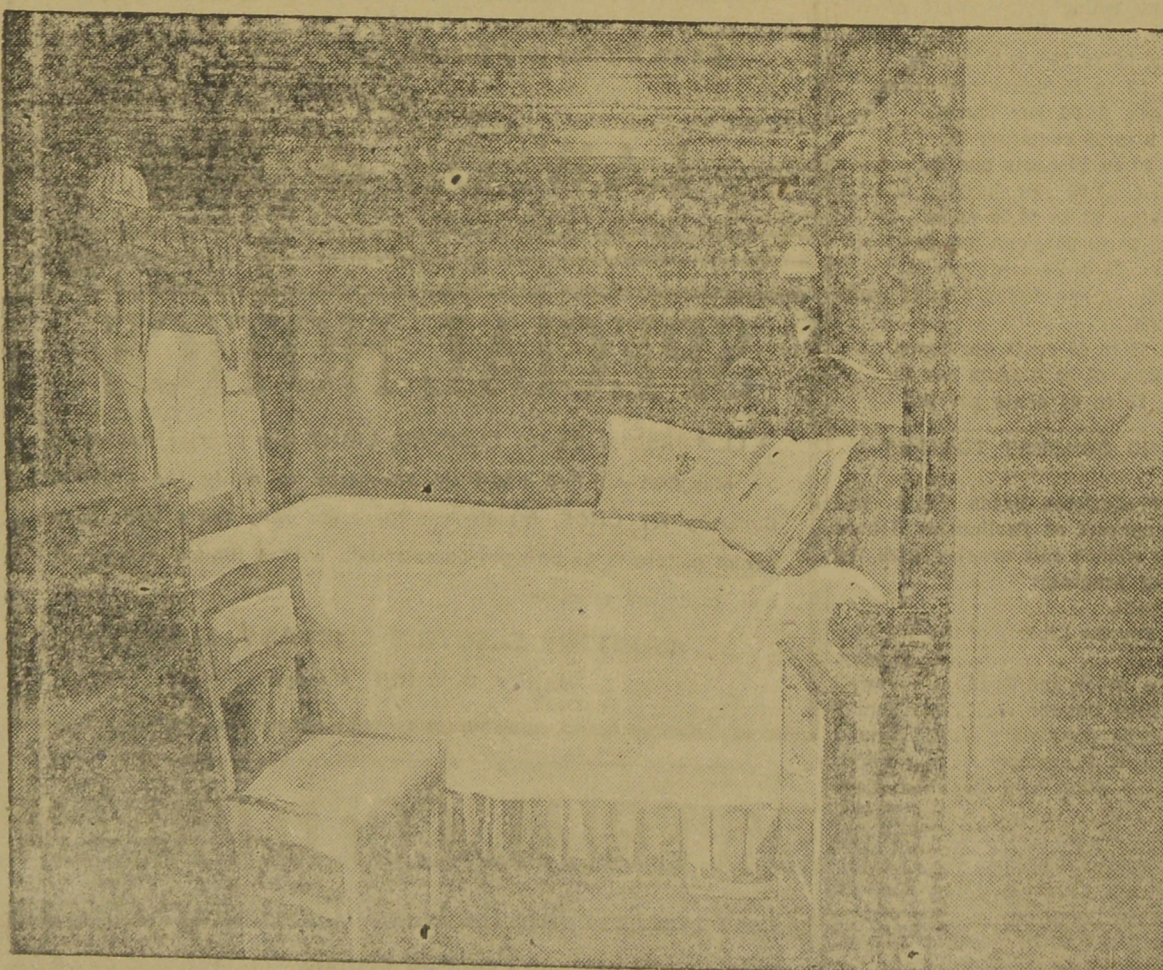


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