

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

THEO MEETS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

"You might make me Governor yourself, Margot," said Theo, smiling, his bad temper all forgotten. "You know women vote in this state and it looks as though they would come into their own close on the heels of prohibition everywhere, provided they can choke off those wild women down at the Capital."

Dad left our rooms with a smiling face and Theo, with his usual changeableness turned to me and said:

"Margot, let's go for a ride. I'm tired staying in the house all this time, and we will finish up our delayed honeymoon by visiting all the little places that are dear to us."

"I wish you would go and see Dad for a moment, Theo," I said.

"Why, of course I will, Margot, I'm strong for the dear old Commissioner. He has gotten me out of scrapes many times. I'll even stand for Letty if she's changed into all you claim for her."

"You'd better not be so cocky, Theo, about Letty. I prophesy that you'll fall harder for her than Robert has, if you have half a chance."

"Thanks for the tip. Will you promise not to be jealous if I start to cut-out my brother with the Burlesque Queen?"

For once I did not reprove him for calling Letty a burlesque queen, for I knew when he saw her he would be ashamed of the appellation himself. Violet Montmorency was no more; gone were the peroxide hair coloring, the rouged cheeks and the flamboyant costumes. Instead, there was the demure Letty, than whom no woman of our set was more conservatively and becomingly gowned.

I could see that Theo was still skeptical about my father's wife, and it really pleased me very much to see his surprise and delight when he first met her. Dad was very much affected at sight of him and Theo in the sweetest manner in the world accepted his advances and called him Father Lafferty.

I have never known anyone who could be as unaffectedly delightful as my husband when he wished to be. I saw Letty's eyes open in surprise, as she came forward and put her hand in his. I wondered if she had ever seen him in the old days. Theo looked at her for an instant and said:

"You don't expect me to annex as young and charming a mother-in-law as this without kissing her, do you?" and he bent down and kissed her full on the lips.

"I'll tell you what, Dad," he said, turning to my father, "whatever else is wrong with you, you haven't lost your eyesight."

Letty blushed prettily, but dropped him a little courtesy with a charming air of gratitude, as Dad, too, eyed her proudly.

"We must get you well, Commissioner, right away. I shall tell Robert that unless he has you out immediately he is no doctor. You must get into the swim again this winter," continued Theo.

Dad looked up at Letty with a smile: "He means that you must get into the swim, baby doll. I told you they would all want you as soon as they knew you."

"Oh, I'm not very fond of swimming," said Letty indifferently. "I'd much rather be here with you, Your Honor, and we will be very quiet until you are really well."

"She's a corker," said Theo as we left. "I have a greater respect for your dad than ever. Anyone who could pick a winner like that from a burlesque company has my greatest admiration."

"Let us forget the burlesque company, Theo," I said. "Poor Letty was not to blame for that. It was her only means of livelihood and that she kept as pure and sweet as she is through it all stamps her as something more than average."

Just as we were getting into the car Theo caught his breath sharply and said: "We haven't visited your whispering tree, dear."

We went around the corner of the house and once more Theo carved some letters on its gnarled trunk. This time it was "M. L. S." and the date. I smiled as I said:

"Why Theo, we've been married a long time."

"I know it," he answered, "but somehow I feel that it is all just beginning today."

(Monday—"Richard Waverly's French Wife.")



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INSURANCE MEN ON STRIKE

Pars, July 17—The Clerical force of five important Insurance Companies in Paris went on strike yesterday.

PICNIC SATURDAY AT STANLEY FOR RETURNED MEN

Women's Institute in Charge
—"Sing-Song" by Social Service Committee a Great Success.

Stanley, July 16—A social service "sing song" was held last evening with a very large attendance. Mrs. C. Kelley and Miss. H. Biggs rendered the music for the occasion, Miss Bel-yea the Director performed in elegant style and was well applauded. Everybody took part in the singing which was greatly enjoyed.

A mammoth picnic is being planned for Saturday for the returned boys. The Committee of Management is as follows:—H. Kelly, chairman, G. Dunham, Secretary, A. McMillan, H. P. Lint and C. McAloon. An invitation is extended to all to come and bring their picnic baskets to satisfy their own needs as well as those of their friends. The affair will be a real old-fashioned picnic with a good time held out all who attend. The fact that the Women's Institute offered their services is guarantee enough of a successful outcome.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. J. S. Scott and daughter Miss Isabel Scott are spending the week in St. John.

Nothing is gained by quarrelling with the mean temperature.

A line of hats with stitched gray felt top and navy taffeta facing is featured for midsummer wear.

Peace Celebration SATURDAY, JULY 19

The Parade Committee announces the following prizes for competition:

PEACE FLOAT—1st prize, \$50; 2nd prize, \$25.

INDUSTRIAL FLOAT—1st prize, \$50; 2nd prize, \$25.

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DECORATED BICYCLE—1st prize, \$15; 2nd prize, \$10; 3rd prize, \$5.

All owners of motor cars who can place them at the disposal of patients of the N. B. Military Hospital are requested to notify H. C. RUTTER, Secretary, before noon Friday.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1918

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS OF LABOR.

Whereas on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1919, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Council did by Order-in-Council bring within the scope of Part 4 of the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1918," from and after August 1st, 1919, the following industries, viz.:

"Persons employed in the woods in logging, cutting of timber, pulpwood, firewood, railroad ties or sleepers, river driving, rafting, booming or the transportation of logs, timber pulpwood, firewood or railroad ties or sleepers."

Notice is hereby given that all persons engaged in any of the above mentioned industries are required to file a statement of their estimated payroll from August 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919, inclusive, with the said Board, on or before the 1st day of August, 1919.

And further notice, that any employer neglecting or refusing to furnish such estimate or information is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00 per day for each day of such default, and is further liable for damages, as provided by Part 2 of said Act, in respect of any injury to any workman in his employ during the period of such default.

Note.—Forms for furnishing such information will be supplied on application.

Also please take note of the following regulation passed by the Board and coming into force on the 1st day of August, 1919:

First Aid Kit.—In an industry where ten or more persons are employed, it shall be the duty of the employer to provide a suitable FIRST AID KIT approved of by the Board and in charge of a suitable person.

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the post office of Kingsclear and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,

Post Office Inspector.

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