

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

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ELIENE AND I.

"Perhaps you would have done better to have married Budge, Margot," said my husband quite seriously for him. "Budge, that is, Dr. Symone, has already arrived, while I have not even a job."

"That reminds me Margot, Dad asked me to meet him at his office late this afternoon. He evidently has something in mind for me. Of course I'd rather be a gentleman of leisure, with no cares but the nineteenth hole, but even a gentleman of leisure has to eat, you know, and buy hats for the woman he has been foolish enough to marry."

"Go on, you silly boy, and see your father," I said, as I pushed him out of the room, "for I am simply tired out and I am going to undress and go to bed."

"Fine!" said Theo. "You go to sleep and when you wake up you will find a husband ready to show you a fifteen thousand dollar position."

"You'll be lucky to get a five thousand dollar job," was my parting shot, as I closed the door.

I had just turned over to sleep when Eliene came in. "Are you asleep, Margot?" she asked softly.

"No, dear, but I wish I were."

This brought the first smile to her face that I had seen since my return.

"Not very complimentary to me," she murmured.

"I wasn't thinking of you at all, my dear," I remarked. "I am just tired to death and wish I could go to sleep."

"Well, I'm going to be selfish, Margot, and ask you to talk to me a little while."

I flopped over where I could look at her. Eliene is very beautiful and looked like a saddened saint in her deep mourning and I wondered if she were going to take this time to tell me her story. Instead she began practically:

"Margot, let's settle this living together question."

"What do you mean?" I gasped, "Don't you want us?"

"Why, of course, you silly girl, but don't you think it would be rather queer for me, the unmarried one, to sit at the head of the table?"

"My dear Eliene, that's the last place I would want to sit. I don't care how it looks. This is your home and you're going to run it, so far as I'm concerned. For, notwithstanding Father Symone's talk, I intend to some day have a home of my own."

"However, my dear, now that we're on the subject, there are one or two little things I do want to settle. I am perfectly willing to concede you the supervision and sway of the whole household if I may consider these rooms my very own, but I shall expect the absolute freedom I had in my own home, and please do not expect me to report to you any more than you would expect to report to me. You know I have been practically my own boss since my mother died and cannot continually account to anyone, not even to Theo, for every move I make."

"Margot, I did not mean to annoy you when I asked where you had been."

"I know you didn't dear, but that's just the point. It did annoy me and I think it best to have a complete understanding from the beginning."

"Of course, if you're going to feel that way about it," said Eliene in a hurt voice, "I shall be very careful."

"There's nothing to be hurt about, but you know Eliene you've been in the habit of bossing your family all your life."

THE PRINCIPAL CRIMINALS WHOM THE ALLIES WANT TO PUT ON TRIAL

London, July 12.—The Germans whom the British and French and the Belgians wish to put on trial include:

Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, for deportations from Lille, Roubaix, Turcoing and other places.

General Von Mackensen, for thefts, incendiarism, and executions in Roumania.

Von Buelow, for the burning of Anderne and for 100 people, civilians, shot.

Baron Von Der Lancken, head of the German political department of Brussels, who was concerned in the murder of Miss Edith Cavell and Captain Fryatt.

Admiral Von Capelle for responsibility for U-boat outrages.

Lieutenant Wilhelm Wernher, Commander Max Valentiner and Commander Von Forstner, for sinking hospital ships.

Major Von Mantouff, for the burning of Louvain.

Major Von Buelow, for the destruction of Aerschot and the execution of 150 civilians.

General Von Cassel, for cruelties at Doberitz, Lieut. Rudiger for cruelties at Huhlben, Major Von Goertz for cruelties at Magdeburg, the brothers Niemeyer, the bullies of Holzminden and Clausthal camps, who ill-treated British prisoners.

General Von Tesny, for summary execution of 112 inhabitants of Arion.

General Von Ostrowsky, for pillage of Deyne and the massacre of 163 civilians.

General Limon Von Sanders, for massacres of Armenians and Syrians.

Two brothers named Rochline, who were arrested by the French in the Saar valley, when a vast quantity of stolen machinery, covering nearly twenty acres, was found in their possession.

SHOULD DISARM THE BULGARIANS

Saloniki, July 12.—Arguing that Bulgaria should be compelled to disarm, newspapers here state that the forces now with the Bulgarian colors are approximately three times the size stipulated in the armistice agreement. It is said that these troops are concentrated in considerable numbers along the Greek and Greek and Serbian frontier and that bands of irregular soldiers are being armed by the Bulgarians.

MRS. ROBIN HAD NEST IN MOVING FREIGHT CAR

Flesherton, July 8.—A really remarkable instance of the mother instinct in birds, vouched for by several observers, had its beginning and end at the C. P. R. station here. Robins built a nest in a freight car which stood on the side track for some days, and the mother robin laid her eggs therein. When the car was moved the railway men noted that the bird persistently followed it, and had on every opportunity visited the nest. The number of the car was noted and railwaymen passed on the story. After some time the car was returned here and the young came forth.

The Flesherton Advance, chronicling the story, adds: "Whether the C. P. R. authorities sent the car back just to accommodate Mrs. Robin, or whether the whirling of railway traffic it just happened, we do not know. The facts are as attested and can be sworn to by employees at the station. The birds were hatched before the car returned and the mother bird must have fed them as the car moved from place to place."

SIR T. WHITE'S SUCCESSOR

Montreal, July 12.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: "Following the precedent set in the appointment of Sir Thomas White in 1911, his successor will be chosen for financial ability and not political experience. Sir Thomas never having been either a member of parliament nor a candidate for an elective public office."

The rate of postage on letters in the United States has been restored to the pre-war rate of two cents. Will Canada follow the lead of the great republic in this case and return to the old order of things. Such a change would be welcomed by all classes of people.

and I'm just giving you a friendly warning that I've occupied about the same position in my own home, and unless we are both extremely tolerant and reasonable we're going to clash."

"Do you expect me to send my card when calling?" asked Eliene with a smile.

"No, but don't rush in on me unawares."

"Why, I never knocked at my mother's door in my life," said Eliene.

"Well, Eliene, I am not your mother."

"Oh, dear, I wish she were back. How am I going to live the long years without her?"

(Tomorrow—"Theo Discusses Our Income.")

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Post Office Inspector's Office,
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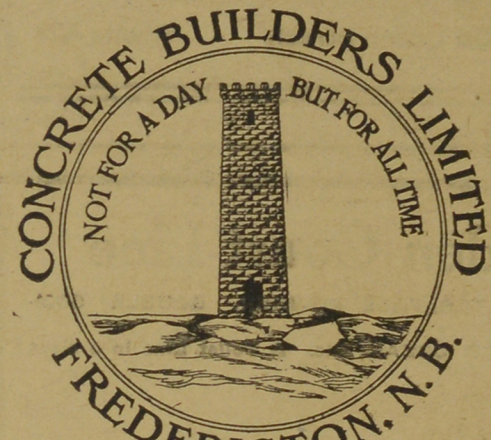
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