

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

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A BIT OF RED RIBBON.

Letty looked so downcast that I called up Dad and told him that I was taking her shopping and that she would not be home until dinner time.

Dad's voice was happy and hearty as he answered:

"Bully for you Margot Anne, make her buy a lot of fripperies. I'm going down to the city hall for a little while."

"Do you think he is well enough?" asked Letty breathlessly when I told her.

"Of course he is and the sooner he gets out the sooner you may dismiss his doctor."

"His Honor will be very lonely without Robert," said Letty regretfully.

"When he gets among his old cronies he won't miss him so much and anyway Robert is soon to go to John Hopkins University on some research work."

Letty sighed and then, as though to dismiss the subject said:

"What a beautiful room this is, Margot."

"Yes, Mother Eliene had the silver grasscloth put upon the walls and the woodwork enameled in darker grey. I'm going to have some touches of gold and blue put in the woodwork and my whole furnishings will carry out the Oriental idea."

"Then you can use your beautiful collection of Japanese prints," said Letty delightedly.

"Yes, I'm having them framed now in black lacquered bamboo. I'm going down today to see about some Chinese rugs and am going to send the exquisite old Chinese bed and table which you have never seen, from my lower room. I'm going to leave the bed upholstered in black and silver brocade and use it for a divan, with the addition of several gorgeous pillows in Oriental embroideries. The table which is only a foot wide and eight feet long will set right here back of the divan which will be drawn up to the fireplace. I have an exquisite piece of tinted and gilded Chinese carving for over the fireplace, which is said to be 1,000 years old, and on the mantel I will put my wonderful Buddha; not the one that signifies abundance, but the one that signifies wisdom. I intend this room to typify my love of warmth and color."

"And Theo," murmured Letty.

"Oh, Theo will be pleased with anything that I do in the way of furnishings. He is no more in sympathy with cold and dignified interiors than I am."

"Margot, you sometimes surprise me," said Letty. "you do not always impress me as being warm. When I first knew you, or rather before I really knew you, I thought you were very cold, then I came to the conclusion that you were very just—one of those women of perfect poise who never make mistakes and do not have much charity for those who do. Lately I have come to the conclusion that you are just as impulsive and warm-hearted as any young American girl."

"I've grown to love you very much, Margot, and I am grateful and bless His Honor every day of my life that through his big soul he saw something in me that made him take me to his heart and give you and your friendship to me."

I was greatly affected by Letty's confessions and particularly pleased by her conclusion that I was just as impulsive as she was herself. But my heart went pit-a-pat when she remarked, "I am rather ashamed that I told you that story about Dr. Robert. I expect he would not have forgotten himself with a girl in his own station in life, do you think he would?"

"I don't know, Letty," I answered, "but please do not think that those women whom you call 'protected married women' never hear a declaration of love from another man."

"But," remonstrated Letty with a blush, "do you realize

that Dr. Robert did not say he loved me? That is what hurts me most of all. I could perhaps have an excuse for him if he had said that."

"He is more of a cad than I thought. But I do not think he really meant to hurt you. He is truly sorry, I am sure, for he has been mooning about the house for the last few days looking perfectly miserable, and between you and me I hope he is as miserable as he looks."

My little car was at the door and as Letty stepped into it she stooped and picked up a bit of red ribbon. "Why Margot," she exclaimed in surprise, "look what I have found, I expect it belongs to one of those officers, maybe Major Gordon."

"It may not necessarily mean the Legion of Honor, Letty," I said, and yet all the while I knew that was just what it did mean and that it was the bit of ribbon I had seen on the coat of my playmate of the week before. And I wondered if he had inadvertently dropped it on that day or had he taken this way to let me know that he had remembered. I did not see how he could help saying missed it during the week if he had dropped it on that day.

(Tomorrow—"Robert and Letty.")



The Prince Deposits Wreath at Monument des Braves at Quebec

WATCHMAN OF CHURCH ASSAULTED

Montreal, Sept. 1.—The Roman Catholic Church at Maisonneuve was last night entered by a thief, believed to be the man who attacked and almost killed a night watchman at Notre Dame Church. A valuable chalice was stolen from the Maisonneuve church.

A photographer can make or mar you.

Virtue is its own reward, which may explain why no one ever advertises its loss.

IMPORTANT TO CARE FOR THE TEETH

It is a peculiar physiological fact that at birth the jaw contains the already calcified crowns of the temporary teeth and also that of the first molar of the permanent set. This fact alone is sufficient to direct attention to the care with which the mother should diet herself during the pre-natal period.

The next interesting physiological fact is that at the age of six years, the child has a greater number of teeth than at any other age, there being then the milk set and all the permanent set except the wisdom teeth.

To ensure that both sets of teeth shall be normal and healthy, it is essential that there be most careful feeding of the infant and child, for any condition causing malnutrition will interfere with the proper formation of the cap of dentine and permanent defects will result. Defective dentition causes the teeth quickly to become carious after being cut.

The health of the child requires that the temporary set should be sound; otherwise it cannot properly perform the process of mastication. The lowering of the vital functions of the child reacts on the permanent set of teeth and too often they reach the surface in a diseased condition.

It will not do to feed baby on patent foods, cabbage, fried fish, etc., the same food that the parents eat, as it ruins the digestive apparatus and results in bad teeth. It is a fact that children's first teeth decay soon after they appear and, from growing beside the bad first teeth, the second set decay too.

It is therefore essential that proper attention be given to the careful and systematic cleaning of the teeth night and morning. Indeed, the mother should anticipate trouble by a careful wiping of the child's mouth before the teeth appear, using either a solution of boracic acid or of salt. With the appearance of the teeth a soft brush should be used in place of the clean linen wipe.

As all decay begins on the outside of the tooth and works inwards and no pain is complained of until the decay gets near to or actually reaches the live part of the centre of the tooth, parents should systematically examine their children's teeth and thus by early dental treatment save the live part of the teeth, remembering that treatment is necessary although there may be no

PRINCE WILL VISIT COBALT

Cobalt, Ont., Sept. 1.—The Prince of Wales in coming to Cobalt on Wednesday. It is believed the visit is to allow the Prince to see the workings of the big silver mines. Just what his expectations are is not yet known, but if the plans contemplate a trip underground he will be disappointed.

A strike is the reason. The mines have been tied up since July 23, and are gradually filling with water. Cobalt miners are making ready for a grand banner display before the miners' hall as the Prince's parade passes by.

A FRIENDLY THOUGHT.

"Been out to visit the Browns at their summer cottage yet?"

"No; they went out there for a rest and we decided to let them have it."

toothache with the decay.

As to the decay of teeth, matter forms, and in most instances passes into the digestive tract. This poisons the system—in adult life a similar condition occurs in pyorrhoea and as a result debilitating diseases follow.

We should therefore resort to preventive measures in the care of the teeth—give the teeth work to do, and keep them clean and continue with systematic dental supervision.

Twenty-five per cent of the diseases of adults are traceable to the teeth.

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