

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

A MAN'S EXCUSE.

"Hush, dear," said Theo. "You must not talk."
"But I want to tell you what I told the burglar. I said 'Not crazy, but dead. Didn't you read about my funeral a few days ago? I came back to get warm, the grave was so cold.' He gave me one wild look and disappeared."

Theo and Eliene looked at each other questioningly, and Theo took me in his arms.

"Call Budge," said Theo. "Margot needs a doctor."
"I don't need a doctor. I just want to go to sleep again, but I can't unless you stay with me."

"What she needs most," said Eliene, "is that you should behave yourself, Theo. You thought I didn't know it when you came home intoxicated a few nights ago, and she never said a word. And here, you have left her alone again. I want to tell you one thing, Theo, and it's this: almost since the day you got home you have been talking about your preference for the society of your men friends. You talk continually of 'a man's world,' as you call it, and you neglect Margot and your home. This can't go on, man's world or no man's world. I'm going to tell Dad. We women are in this world, and we're here to stay. And you have got to make it pleasant for us, or by my soul we'll make it a woman's world."

"You stay out of my affairs," said Theo angrily.
My temples were throbbing and their voices seemed like trip hammers. I suppose I must have groaned, for Eliene said: "Forgive me, Margot. We'll do our quarreling outside." She placed her cool hands on my head and drowsily I heard her say: "Why Theo, she has a raging fever and we stand here like a couple of draymen quarreling. Call Robert quickly, while I get her to bed properly."

It seemed no time at all before Robert arrived and ordered ice packs for my head and complete quiet, saying, "She acts as though she has had a shock of some sort. The past few weeks have been too much for her." He looked rather grave and remarked:

"I'll step in again this afternoon and if she's no better we'll call a nurse. Are you going to stay home with her, Theo? If you do, don't talk to her."

I was very glad that Robert said this, for I was afraid that Theo would enter into explanations and excuses, which I knew I could not stand. As soon as Robert and Eliene had gone Theo knelt by the bed and buried his head in the covers. I turned away from him and shuddered.

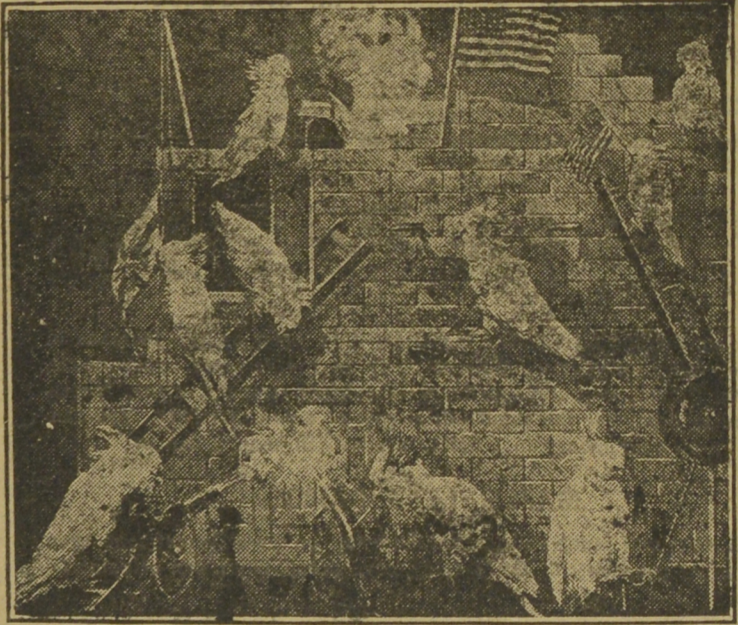
"Do you hate me as much as that, dearest?"
I did not answer.

"Well, I don't blame you," he said, "but I want you to understand, dear, that I was out with the boys playing poker. In all the world there is no other woman but you. I have never given you that cause for sorrow."

Why is it that a man thinks he can neglect his wife for any-

PAMAHASIKA'S PETS

Battle Scene From World War AT CHAUTAUQUA



Shown above is a cut which gives one phase of the famous battle scene from the World War which will be presented on the last night at Chautauqua. This battle scene is a part of the remarkable exhibition of animal and bird intelligence which will be given by the troupe of trained animals and birds known as Pamahasika's Pets.

This battle scene represents an attack upon a German fort. During the engagement the birds fire cannon, set the fort on fire, extinguish the blaze, lower the German flag and run up the national colors in its stead.

Other amazing tricks, the result of the careful training of Professor Pamahasika, will go to make up a program which will delight young and old alike. The program is planned especially as a fitting climax to "Children's Night." Preceding it will come the Junior Play or Pageant, "The Wop." This has a strange name, but it is a play worth while. The children will like to give it and the grown-ups will like to see it given, especially those who have children in the Junior Chautauqua.

The last night at Chautauqua—Children's Night—Children, plan to be there with your parents. Parents, plan to take your "kiddies."

BELGIAN MADE RECORD SACRIFICE, GAVE TWENTY SONS TO THE WAR

Paris, Aug. 9.—Details have just been received from Lille on what is considered without question the greatest contribution made to the war by any one single family. The head of this family was M. Vanhee, a farmer living at Reminghe, near Ypres. At the outbreak of the war he was the father of 36 living children, fourteen girls and twenty-two boys. Of the latter, during the course of the war twenty fought in the French ranks. Of these twenty, thirteen were killed and three were permanently discharged as the result of wounds unfitting them for further service. Still another was wounded four times during the war.

In 1917 the widow of one of the sons, Alfred, was also killed during the bombardment of Dunkirk. She left five orphans. But even before this, M. Vanhee had already given up his own life to the Germans. In October of 1914 he had come to Lille with one of his daughters to celebrate the birthday of a relative. While returning home the two were caught by a German patrol and both shot.

PLUCK RESTORED THE WOUNDED WELSH CAPTAIN

Washington, May 29—"I'm not dead—I'm damned if I'll die," was what Robert Graves—captain of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers—called out on the battlefield when he heard the stretcher-bearer say: "They've got him!"

And he lived to write a stirring poem about it, and the incident furnished a theme for other singers, who pointed the moral of that utterance on the never-give-up line.

He was but one of many brave fighters whose grit is not the least part of their glory—men to whom we owe victory because they could smile in the face of death and held on with that unyielding spirit.

Here is another story of heroism and devotion which came to light through the Red Cross:

Just before the armistice there were two brothers in an American command and one watched the other go over the top and saw him fall.

In spite of stern protest, the brother who was not in the charge crawled under fire, to the fallen one, and bore him back, where it was found that he was dead.

"I told you," said the captain, "it was useless taking a risk like that."
"No," was the reply. "I have been abundantly rewarded! He had life enough left to clasp his arms around my neck and whisper: 'Tom, I knew you would come!'"

In that, as in a thousand other instances, shines the spirit of love and devotion our home boys kept pure and high from first to last.

DEATHS FROM AN EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE

Mexico City, Aug. 9.—Seventeen deaths were caused by a dynamite explosion yesterday in the Rosario mine, Pachus, according to latest reports.

Two trains, one carrying 3,000 pounds of explosives, crashed near the main entrance to the mine. It was at first feared that more than a thousand miners were entombed.

WILL BOOST CARTAGE PRICES

Montreal, Aug. 9.—Notice was yesterday received by the transportation bureau of the Montreal Board of Trade of an increase in the cartage charges at Montreal, affecting all classes of goods for cartage delivery. These new tariffs have been put into force by the Canadian National Railways the

thing except another woman and she must accept his excuses. It is only a question of degree. A woman may not suffer the pangs of jealousy if she is left alone night after night while her husband is out with other men, but she will be quite as lonely and forsaken.

For a few moments Theo remained beside me, evidently hoping that I would speak, but finally, as I did not even open my eyes, he went into his own room and softly closed the door.

Evidently there was some opiate in the medicine Robert had given me, because I grew quiet and shortly fell asleep.

(Tomorrow—"I Visit Theo's Office.")

APPEAL FOR VETERANS TO BE AT ST. JOHN

To the Editor,
Sir,

I would like through your columns and by your courtesy to address all returned men and women of Canada's overseas forces.

Comrades,
On the occasion of the visit to our Province on Friday, August 15th, of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, it seems most fitting that all returned soldiers should participate in the reception and do all possible to make it a success.

Having discussed this matter with a number of our comrades, it has been thought best to have our participation take the distinct form of a combined mark of respect and welcome to the Prince by returned soldiers, nursing sisters and V. A. D's.

The plan is that all of both sexes both residents and visitors, having served overseas assemble on the Barrack Green, St. John, N. B. at 10.30 a. m. August 15th. A sufficient space is being roped off to accommodate all. Arrangements are being completed whereby the personnel of the different branches of the service; artillery, infantry, army service corps, medical corps, dental corps, nursing sisters, V. A. D's etc., will assemble together. This will enable old friends to meet and greet one another again and thus add to the personal enjoyment of the occasion.

Markers will be placed for the guidance of all branches. A staff of returned men will be on the grounds as directors and guides for those assembling.

On account of the Prince of Wales' close association with the Canadian Corps on the battlefields of Europe, I feel as I believe you all do, and take a secret pride in, that he rather belongs to and is one of us.

The conduct during the whole war of His Royal Highness (Capt. Windsor) as we knew him—has been such as to inspire the respect and good opinion of the Allied nations. When I describe him in the vernacular as being a "real man, white clear through and game" I believe I echo the opinion of you all.

Let us make a special effort, in uniform as many as possible the others in civilian clothes wearing discharge badges, to gather and do honor and credit to our visiting comrade as well as to our selves. Come and urge others to come and make our greeting an unqualified success.

N. P. MACLEOD,
Pres. St. John Branch, G.W.V.A.

C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk. The increases run from half a cent to 5 cents per hundred pounds.

THE BIG DRIVE

For Funds in Aid of the
NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL HOME
which was to have taken place Next Friday, July 18th, has been POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

By resolution of Council, I am instructed to notify all parties who have projecting and swinging signs, to have the same removed, as they are up contrary to by-law. Proceedings will be taken to compel those that do not comply with this request.

G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.



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.

FREE VACCINATION

All school children desiring free vaccination may have such by presenting themselves at Dr. Coffyn's office, 140 York street, on Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons, between 2 p. m. and 4 p. m.

No child shall be permitted to attend school unless successfully vaccinated.

By order of Sub-District Board of Health.

G. R. PERKINS,
Secretary.

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