

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

### A SURPRISING ENGAGEMENT

Finally the last sad rites were over. Mother Eline was laid to rest. It seemed to me that the whole town surged into the house. Even dear old dad insisted upon being present at the funeral, much to Letty's concern.

When we returned from the cemetery, Father Symone called us into the library.

"Children," he said, "your mother although she was a wealthy woman, left no will, but she and I had often spoken to each other on the subject. Her jewels with the exception of the pearl necklace, she wished Eline to have, and to Margot she gave the pearls. She wished Theo to have her wedding silver and Robt. her library. All her other personal property and real estate she wished me to have for life, after which it will be divided equally among you. Of course, you understand, my dears, these are just your mother's personal wishes and not distribution that would stand in law.

"I am sure," spoke up Eline, "we are all glad to abide by mother's wishes," and we all gave assent to her words.

"I am glad the house is big enough for all of us," continued Father Symone. "While I am alive I want my children with me and when Robert and Eline marry we will add two more to the household."

"Good Lord!" groaned Thoe under his breath. Even he realized the impossibility of this arrangement.

Eline quickly responded:

"I shall make no additions, for I do not intend to marry."

"That's what they all think at your age, my dear," said Father Symone.

But I instinctively knew it would be some time before Eline recovered from her first romance, which she was yet to tell me about.

"We'll just let matters stand as they are then, Dad," said Robert, who had not spoken before.

Thoe couldn't resist turning a smiling face toward me. "Come on, dear, let's go up to our rooms until dinner time," he said. "You must be quite worn out."

Only I discerned the slight emphasis he put upon the word "our" and I knew that he was chuckling over the thought that he had won out and this was to be our home. But with Thoe's arm about me as we went up stairs all my doubts vanished and I felt that with him I could make a little Paradise anywhere.

We had no more than gotten up stairs when someone called Thoe to the phone, and I heard him say:

"Why, hello, Dick, when did you get in?"

"Thank you, I know you loved her."

"Of course, we'll come over and see her as soon as possible. If your taste in wives is as good as your taste in sweethearts, she must be a hummer."

"You don't mean to tell me that Chad Hatton is engaged? Margot told me about his raving about some girl who played the harp in the Y. M. C. A. orchestra with him, but it never entered my mind that he would marry anyone."

"All right but don't wait for us. We'll see each other soon."

"Say, Margot, what do you think! Chad Hattan's going to be married."

"Well, why not?" I answered, composedly. "I can think of worse things than being married to Chad Hatton. Even though he is blind, they're both musicians and Chad has money enough to make a fairy world for the woman he marries. It will be wonderful, if the girl is worthy of him."

"Come over here, old dear, and let me get a look at you. I am almost afraid that the only reason you married me was because you were afraid I would become blinded or crippled and no one else would want me. From what you have said of Hopkins and Hatton, I'm not so sure but what you'd rather pity a man than love him."

"Don't be silly, Thoe," I answered. "No woman loves a man just because he's handsome."

"Ha! ha! she knows I'm handsome."

"Why, of course I do, but that's not why I love you. As a rule I hate handsome men. Really I think Robert better looking than you, but you see I didn't marry him."

"Could you have married him, my proud beauty?" said Thoe, striking a ridiculous attitude.

"Well, he asked me to," I said demurely.

"The conceited puppy!" said Thoe, and then as usual his mood quickly changed.

(Monday—"Eline and I.")

# Help! Help!

Who is to help provide for the orphans?

\$120,000 is required to establish the New Brunswick Provincial Protestant Home for Children.

Something which has always been needed in New Brunswick, but never more necessary than at the present, when so many little ones have been left parentless by the ravages of war.

A drive in aid of this most worthy cause will be made in Fredericton on July 18, 1919.

Fredericton must do its share

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## SICKENING ADULATION

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Dempsey, had he strayed into the Secor for a bite to eat? Never in a thousand years. The real hero would, in all probability have been given the raspberry had he invaded the dining room looking for food, while the war evader got the glad hand.

Ain't we a nation of sure enough patriots and then some. But maybe those boot licks at the Secor didn't realize what they were doing when they were hugging and kissing the new champion and acclaiming him a hero. They might have acted the same way had Bill Tate or the Jamaica Kid made their appearance instead of Dempsey. You can never tell what a hysterical bunch of troglodytes will do under the stress of excitement and take it from me the country is fairly swarming with these birds at this time.

Wait and see the reception Dempsey will receive when he gets here. The hystericals of Toledo will not be in with those of the Rialto. Here is where the blithering nondescript is always in a state of eruption. What a wonderful thing it is to be a champion prizefighter.

### New Granolithic Walk

A new granolithic walk has been laid from the western entrance of the main Normal School building to Phoenix Square. This will make it possible to close the large gates on Queen street. A new gate will be located on Phoenix Square. A sidewalk connecting the walk with Queen street is being constructed along the easterly side of Phoenix Square. Concrete Builders have the work in hand under the Provincial Government. The improvement will be marked and is one which should have been made before. The sidewalk along the square will prevent damage to the iron fence which is to be repaired.

A city barber will trim you for 35 cents; but with the circus trimmer the bottom of your pocket is the limit.

With the possible exception of the half-ripe banana, nothing tastes worse than an over-ripe banana.

## STACKHOUSE'S LAWYERS MAKE A STATEMENT

St. John, July 11.—Messrs. Powell & Harrison, counsel for the Rev. S. W. Stackhouse, a Baptist minister, named in the Holmes divorce case at Fredericton, made a statement today embodying an unqualified denial of any statement that Mr. Stackhouse had left the country to escape prosecution. They said he was undergoing treatment in the United States for internal trouble but had remained in St. John to meet any legal proceedings that might be taken until his physical condition forced him to go away for treatment.

His solicitors said it would be improper to discuss the facts of the case until the matter is disposed of by the courts, but they went so far as to say they had entire confidence in Mr. Stackhouse's innocence, and there was inference that the future had some astonishing revelations in store.

## COMPOSITION ON ANIMALS

(By Willie Greengrass, Grade IV, Oatbin Sett., N. G.)

Exseptin human peeple everything else wot has life is noan as annamuls—usch as hens, horses, mukeetose, putata bugs, sparras, rynosseruses, rats, dogs, sammun, snaiks and ever so menny uther sech creechurs.

Sum is large and sum is snawl. Sum aint as big as uthers and sum is bigger. They are a grate menny different kullurs and sum is wite and sum is black, sum is bloo, sum is blak and bloo. Sum annamals is nice lookin an sum aint, and sum aint very feerosh-us and sum is, like lyuns, bairs, skunks and muskeetose. There is a grate menny different kinds of annamals, like burds, beests, insecks, etc., and they awl tawk different. Cats ain't got very nice voices but maybe praps if they got there voices trained they mite bee pretty good singers, for they seem too be awful fond of singin. Cats is very fond of holdin singin class on top of roofs at nite. I spose they think their safe up that, but out cat he found out his mistalk wun nite for he woke up my paw and paw got mad and fired his boot at him, but I gess he didn't hurt him for he jest ran away and took his chum with him.

Well, paw hawl me out of bed and made me go down an fetch his boot. I didn't like that and I vowd venjens on that cat so next morning I drown-dud him in the well—and so he found out the roof wasn't a very safe plase for to go to sing.

My paw told me it was just such an okkurrans that gave rise to the well-noan gai mof puss-in-boots.

Annamls is chiefly used in surkusses but I ges they don't hev to wurk hard.

Heer is a riddel: Why is a horse a artist? Cos he kin draw his breth, also a kart.

There is beests of burdun and beests of pray. A ellafunt is a beest of burdun cos it always has too karry its own trunk. A hawk is a beest of pray. A kammel is reely a overgroan humpbak chicken. I gess this is awl.

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H. W. WOODS,  
Post Office Inspector.  
St. John, N. B., June 23rd, 1919.

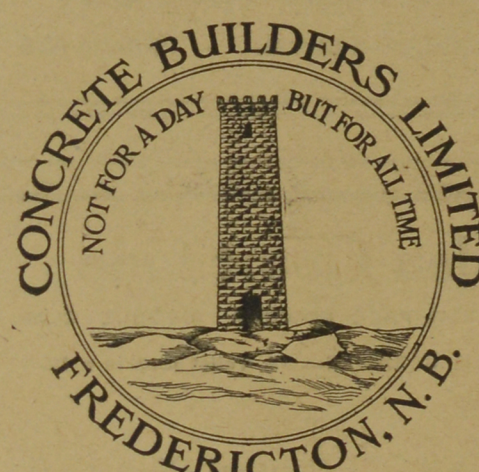
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