

## Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson  
A TELEGRAM FROM SALLY SAUNDERS.

"Will dad ever get back his strength vigor?" I asked Robert as we left the house together and started to walk over to the Symone home.

"I hope so, Margot," he answered evasively.

"But he's less than fifty, Robert," I reminded him.

"My dear, the longer I practice my profession the more convinced I become that we cannot gauge life by years. It is largely a matter of hardening of the arteries."

"Has dad hardening of the arteries Robert?" I asked anxiously.

"The walls of everyone's arteries gradually harden," answered Robert, "some much faster than others. Your father's arteries are much more affected than they should be at his age. All we can do is try to arrest the process."

We walked the rest of the way in silence; I was too depressed to talk. Eliene came into my room immediately.

"Where have you been, Margot?" she asked in her usual quick way, which for the time irritated me. "Theo has called you up three or four times."

"I told the maid I was going over to see Dad. I hadn't seen him since I came home," I answered.

"That's too bad. I answered the phone, but couldn't tell Theo where you were. I never thought of asking the maid."

"Well, there's no great harm done if Theo doesn't know where I am every minute."

Eliene shot a questioning glance at Robert and then said somewhat coldly:

"There are a couple of telegrams on your desk."

The first one I opened was from Mrs. Charlton, saying:

"Hope all is well with you. When you get time drop me a little note. Both Major Gordon and myself send best wishes for Mrs. Symone's recovery. Alice Charlton."

Without looking very carefully at the address, I tore open the other one and found the telegram was addressed to Theo instead of to me.

"Father has just wired me of your sad loss, dear Theo. Mine has been so recent that I can the more appreciate yours. I want to extend to you all the sympathy that you so generously gave to me upon our meeting in the Waldorf the other day. Be assured it will be remembered as one of very few sincere greetings I have received in my bereavement."

Sallie Saunders Lafferty."

I tore Sally Saunders' most subtle telegram into bits, as I thought: "Unfortunately for you, dear Sally, your intriguing message will never reach my husband." But I felt my cheeks suddenly burn as I heard Theo's voice in the hall.

"Where have you been, Margot? I tried to get you all morning."

"I told the maid I was going to father's."

"Of course," he answered. "I might have known."

"Who were your telegrams from? Eliene said there were two."

Without comment I handed him the one from Mrs. Charlton, and then said: "The other is from the lingerie shop regarding some purchases I made the other day."

For the first time in all my life I had knowingly told a deliberate lie to my husband of all people on earth, and again my anger surged against the woman who had made me do it as I placed another score against Sally Saunders.

Theo, all unconscious that anything was amiss, heaped coals of fire upon my head by saying:

"Sweetheart, if you only knew what a comfort you are to me in this great trouble. My only consolation is that my dear mother recognized me and called me by name before she died, and drawing me down to her she whispered:

"Be good to Margot, dear."

"Dear, dear Mother Eliene," I said, as Theo kissed my tears away.

"We're not going to weep, Margot," he said, "or change our lives in any way. She would not want us to."

I said nothing, but I thought of all the habiliments of woe that Eliene had just ordered, and wondered how far her ideas and Theo's on the subject would coincide.

However, I am learning to keep my questions and opinions to myself and conceal my thoughts from others. To myself and conceal my thoughts from others.

(Tomorrow—"A Surprising Engagement.")

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A Palm Beach suit, like that other well known modern convenience, the motor car, is not expensive in the initial cost, but "it's the upkeep."

Many a man is forced to play the game of life who doesn't hold a single rump.

How does the circus hypnotize us into drinking pink lemonade?

Wanting but little here below cannot be recommended as a steady employment.

## SOME DON'TS FOR BUYERS OF REAL ESTATE

Following are a number of "don'ts" for the benefit of buyers of real estate:

1. Don't buy land for speculation, but for use.

2. Don't be misled by the fallacy that it is always better to be a landlord with a mortgage hanging over your head than a tenant.

3. Don't buy a bare lot in instalments or with borrowed money, unless you have reasonable expectations that you will have sufficient capital to erect a home in the near future.

4. Don't expect to get a loan from the government or from any other source, to build a house, unless you have enough at least to pay for the lot on which to build it.

5. Don't imagine that land always increases in value, even in the city, or that, even if it does increase the tax collector will allow you to get all the benefit of it.

6. Don't buy a lot on which to build a house unless you have some security that houses as good as your own will be built upon the adjoining land.

7. Don't be carried away with the idea that land is worth more to you if you have the right to do with it as you like, as this means that your neighbor will have the same liberty to use his lot as he likes. If you do not do something on your lot to injure his property, he may do something on his to injure yours.

8. Don't buy land having no local improvements without calculating that it will cost you \$10 per foot front, more or less, to make it fit for use for residential purposes. Even if the city does the work and charges for it as an improvement tax, you have to pay.

9. Don't buy water-logged land or land with heavy clay subsoil or land which is not provided with sewers and water mains, unless you are certain that these can be provided at reasonable cost whenever you want them.

10. Don't think that because land fronts on a car line it is therefore a "sure" site for a store or is more valuable than land not fronting on a car line. It may be worth less for that very reason.

11. Don't pay more for your lot than one-tenth of what you expect to spend on building your house.

12. Don't pay more for a lot than half the price you think it is worth for a home-site if you will not be ready to build on it in less than six or seven years.

Now possibly that town of Staples that was blown away in the Minnesota cyclone, will have the good judgment to use spikes or bolts.

## THE CHAMPION SHELLBACK HAS COME FORWARD

(Saturday Night)

Some of us were under the impression that most of the real human shellbacks lived right here in the Province of Ontario, and that their temperaments chiefly found expression in opposition to daylight saving. But St. John's, Newfoundland, has a shell-back who surpasses anything we can produce in this country. He has a wonderful record, for in a letter to the press, signed "Pro Bono Publico" he proudly states that twenty years ago he fought the "bicycle nuisance," and adds: "I desire to join in the present agitation to prevent motor cars from using the public roads, covering pedestrians with dust and interfering with their comfort generally, and I also wish to voice a protest against airplanes being allowed to fly over the city frightening our poultry, and thereby interfering with the supply of eggs, so important during the present shortage of food. The nuisance is only just beginning and now is the time to stop it, before the airplane becomes as great a pest as the bicycle and the motor car."

It is clear that heroes like Alcock and Hawker will get no floral tribute from this Newfoundlanders. Very recently allusion was made in these columns to the way the flying men were putting Newfoundland into the news columns but here is a native who longs for the good old times that prevailed when Lief Ericsson or some other Viking, first visited the island. It is interesting to note the existence of a present agitation to prevent motor cars from using the public roads, which indicates that this ultra-conservative has friends who think with him that the place for automobiles is the bottom of the sea. And what a sensitive breed of hens they have in Newfoundland—birds which cease to lay when they chance to look up and see a plane in the heavens. We have heard of hens of such impressionable temperament that they laid eggs with the image of a hawk on the shell after being frightened by that ancient enemy. No doubt the female poultry down in Newfoundland regard the airplane as a kind of giant buzzard. Our own hens seem to have more scientific knowledge. Newfoundland does not seem to have had a general strike yet. Here's a chance for "Pro Bono Publico" to organize one to demand motorless roads and planeless skies.

## POISONED FROM BARBER'S RAZOR

Toronto, July 10.—Blood poisoning contracted from a barber's razor is believed to have caused the death of the Rev. John A. Morrison, Presbyterian minister and missionary, in the general hospital here.

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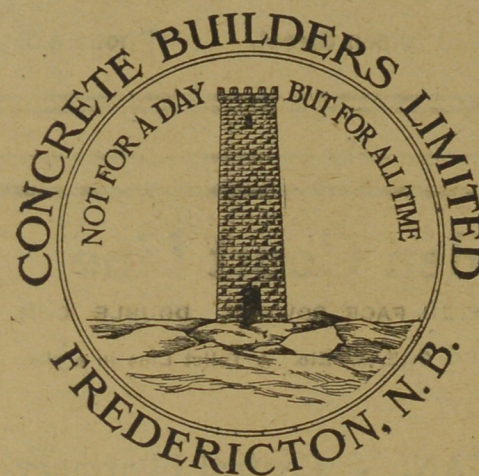
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