

Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

AN INTERRUPTED QUARREL.

"I destroyed the telegram because I knew you would never perceive how subtly insulting Sally Saunders' telegram was to me," I answered.

"Oh, so you did destroy it, did you? I want to give you fair warning here and now, Mrs. Symone, to quit tampering with my mail and my personal and private affairs."

"Meaning that your affairs with Mrs. Saunders Lafferty are of a personal and private nature?" I asked.

"Oh, so that's it," he exclaimed. "Good Lord, deliver me from the purient mind of a good woman." Theo looked as he said it as he did in our childhood days when he was about to throw something at me. I shall never know what he really intended to do, because at that moment there was a tap on the door and Father Symone came in.

"I hope I'm not interrupting any billing and cooing. You wouldn't mind your old dad, anyway, would you? Margot, I want you to finish up these rooms in any way you please and have the bills sent to me."

"Indeed, I shall do nothing of the kind, dad," I answered. "I shall bring over some of my own things from my little tower room and we will add to them as we are able. Theo and I have just been arguing it out. I told him if you gave him three thousand a year and board for us, we must not let you pay any other bills."

"Much furniture we can buy on \$3,000 a year," muttered Theo.

"That's what I've been trying to explain to Theo," I interrupted. "You see, dear Dad, neither Theo nor you have ever known what it was to stop for a moment and ask yourself if you had money enough to buy anything you desired. My father and mother were very poor when they were young and while I have never wanted for anything I think perhaps I know better than you the value of a dollar. I would like very much if I could to find for Theo and me a modest apartment where we could live on the salary that you think he is worth."

"That would be rather foolish, Margot. I have only you four children and not one of you need ever want for anything. The \$3,000 a year that I have offered Theo is merely for pocket money."

"But Dad, I don't think Theo wants to be perfectly dependent on you or anyone else, and I am sure I do not. Robert has a profession in which he is earning both money and fame, and you will forgive me if I say that I do not want Theo to fall behind him."

During our conversation Theo had not said a word, but now he spoke up with:

"Dad, I have always thought that rich men's sons should go in for politics. There certainly isn't money enough in it for a man with no other income. Make me your private secretary or put me in your Mayor's office as your clerk, and at the same time teach me to take care of your estate. Pretty soon they'll get tired of electing you Mayor and I'll prevail upon them to elect me. I think I'd like the game very much and I'm in a position where I can play it with clean hands."

I could see that this pleased Father Symone. It was well understood in the town that no one had ever made as good a Mayor as he and he was very proud of his record.

"All right my boy," he said, "I'll be glad to do so, but if I help you in every way I can you must promise me that you will never compromise in the slightest degree with the other side, provided you know you are right. Compromise may be the stock in trade of the diplomat, but a destructive tool to the politician." Then he turned to me:

"How are you going to like this, Margot? It may lead, you know, to your being the Governor's Lady."

"In which case, dad, it would be Margot Lafferty instead of Judy O'Grady that would be like the Governor's Lady under her skin. However, I am very much of Theo's opinion that the man of means should be the one to take interest in his country's political welfare. Anyone knowing the calibre of some members of our National Congress must certainly hope for vast improvement. Some one has said that men who have fought over there would be running this country, and that means the world, for the next twenty-five or thirty years, and I am very ambitious for Theo to make his mark among them."

(Tomorrow—"Theo Meets His Mother-in-Law.")

TO PREVENT THE VIVISECTION OF ANIMALS

Waterville, Maine, July 15—Maine is one of the first states in the Union to incorporate upon its statute books a law designed to prohibit or control the use of living animals for the purposes of vivisection, despite organized opposition of medical and medico-educational organizations throughout the State. The new law is not of broad scope, but it is the entering wedge against legalized cruelty.

At the present time it is unlawful for any person in any school in Maine which is supported wholly of in part by public money to practice vivisection or to perform experiments on any living animal or to exhibit an animal which has been vivisected. A violation of this act entails a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$25 and the revoking of a teaching license. This act is the finally approved remnant of a more drastic draft prepared through the instrumentality of Mrs. S. Augustus Stevens and other anti-vivisectionists.

Attention has been attracted within the last two months to many advertisements appearing in papers offering excellent returns for the sale of puppies and kittens in large numbers. It was stated that the animals need not be of any particular breed nor that they be pure bred. Several of these advertisements have been traced and it developed that these animals were to be used by large institutions in Boston, New York and Philadelphia for experimental purposes. Maine has been considered a

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Peace Celebration

SATURDAY, JULY 19

The Parade Committee announces the following prizes for competition:

PEACE FLOAT—1st prize, \$50; 2nd prize, \$25.

INDUSTRIAL FLOAT—1st prize, \$50; 2nd prize, \$25.

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All owners of motor cars who can place them at the disposal of patients of the N. B. Military Hospital are requested to notify H. C. RUTTER, Secretary, before noon Friday.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1918

NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS OF LABOR.

Whereas on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1919, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Council did by Order-in-Council bring within the scope of Part 1 of the "Workmen's Compensation Act, 1918," from and after August 1st, 1919, the following industries, viz.:

"Persons employed in the woods in logging, cutting of timber, pulpwood, firewood, railroad ties or sleepers, river driving, rafting, booming or the transportation of logs, timber pulpwood, firewood or railroad ties or sleepers."

Notice is hereby given that all persons engaged in any of the above mentioned industries are required to file a statement of their estimated payroll from August 1st, 1919, to December 31st, 1919, inclusive, with the said Board, on or before the 1st day of August, 1919.

And further notice, that any employer neglecting or refusing to furnish such estimate or information is liable to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00 per day for each day of such default, and is further liable for damages, as provided by Part 2 of said Act, in respect of any injury to any workman in his employ during the period of such default.

Note.—Forms for furnishing such information will be supplied on application.

Also please take note of the following regulation passed by the Board and coming into force on the 1st day of August, 1919:

First Aid Kit.—In an industry where ten or more persons are employed, it shall be the duty of the employer to provide a suitable FIRST AID KIT approved of by the Board and in charge of a suitable person.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BOARD.

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Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the post office of Kingsclear and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

H. W. WOODS,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
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