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Confessions of an Every-Day Wife

By Idah McGlone Gibson

MARGOT GOES SHOPPING

"Great. You're a real politician's wife, Margot," said Father Symone when I chose the City Hall restaurant for lunch with him.

"You must remember I am also a politician's daughter," I reminded him.

Father Symone took me over to Murphy's—a place I had often visited as a child with my father. He was surprised to find that I ordered a roast beef sandwich, and was dumfounded when the old waiter stopped at our table and said:

"I'm glad to see you, Miss Margot. How is the Commissioner today?"

"You have been here before," said Father Symone accusingly.

"Every Saturday noon when I was a child, I used to call for Dad, have lunch at Murphy's and then go holidaying, and my whole week was ruined if anything happened to spoil this little program."

"You are a very satisfying sort of daughter, Margot. Sometimes I wish that all my children were girls; they're more of a consolation."

"But you would have missed me then as a daughter, and although I may have found another husband, one with a father like you, Dad, could never exist."

"Flatterer! That's the Irish in you cropping out, Margot."

"Well, what if it is?" I answered stoutly. "An Irishman always believes what he is saying—at the time. Blarney is really a sincerity of thought, even if it does change as quickly as an Irishman's moods. Right at this minute I can see no other man but you, but perhaps in ten minutes I shall see some one else who will fill my eye as well as my heart."

"As fickle as all that, Margot? I'm surprised at you," Father Symone said banteringly.

"Men are always surprised at fickleness in women. I think perhaps it is because we are usually so loyal," I remarked as we arose from the table.

As he put me in my car, he said: "Margot, come and take lunch with me often; this has been my greatest comfort since Mother Eliene left us."

While passing a shop on my way home it suddenly dawned upon me that the shirts Letty had given me to exchange for Dad were still at home, and I was surprised at the sudden interest I took in doing this little service for my father. When I arrived home I found it was a part of the sweet sympathy of Letty never to have given the shirts a thought while I was ill, and they were still in my room.

For the first time since my illness I entered a shop; and this time it was distinctly a man's shop.

I don't know whether it was because they had just gotten in a new and varied assortment of shirts, or because I was not exactly normal that I couldn't pick out the right patterns with my usual directness. While I stood uncertain, I became aware of a man beside me at the counter also selecting shirts. It now came to a question of choice between two patterns and being unable to decide, I don't know what perverse mood of my other self possessed me to turn to this man and say:

"Which do you like the better?"

Very quickly and as a matter of course he answered:

"I prefer this, and am buying one just like it."

Then I really looked at him for the first time and discovered that he was most satisfying to the eye, and said:

"But you are a young man. This shirt is for my father."

"But even your father cannot be so old."

"Oh, I'm quite ancient," said I, and was about to mention that I had been married for "ages," when all of a sudden Sallie Saunders' letter arose to slap me in the face and I merely smiled and stopped abruptly.

"Now, if you'll help me, I think I shall buy another shirt," he said as my parcel was being wrapped. Before I could say anything, he continued:

"It is some time since I've had the pleasure of shopping, for I have only been in civilian clothes for two days, and while I'm like the average man in an art gallery and 'know what I like,' it may not always be a masterpiece. Trust a woman

DR. McFALL GETS AFTER RETAILERS

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—Dr. McFall, Cost of Living Commissioner today stated that "Among other cases which will be handed over to the new board of commerce by the cost of living commissioner are those pertaining to certain activities of the retail merchants association. This association has been particularly active in destroying the efforts of co-operative associations in Canada to reduce the cost of living."

"Co-operation has proven itself to be a great success in Great Britain, Australia and elsewhere in avoiding exorbitant prices. Even in Canada, where consumers' co-operative societies have only had a limited field of action they have played an active part in restraining the advance of prices."

"The Retail Merchants Association is openly and secretly fighting this most effective weapon against the high cost of living and I have evidence against it on which the board may take action," said Dr. McFall.

He admitted that the new law on combines specially states that its provisions do not compel any manufacturer, wholesaler or jobber to sell to any other classes of persons than those accustomed to purchase from manufacturers, jobbers or wholesalers respectively; however, the law still makes it a criminal action to conspire to lessen competition and the commissioner believes that it may be possible to compel the retailers to refrain from threatening to boycott wholesalers and manufacturers who sell to co-operative associations. His contention is that whether or not we have free trade with other countries, we should have freedom within Canada.

KNOW WHAT K. P. MEANS

(Chicago News.)

Patrolmen Fred Brooks and William Woods are members of the Knights of Pythias, but they are not especially familiar with the army or its abbreviations and nicknames.

Hence when Miss Pauline Aiken, who had been serving riot duty copers with sandwiches and things to drink at the Charles Selbert Dairy Co. offices, found her task somewhat heavy she called out for help—and she used army terms.

"I need help," she cried, "send me

MOVEMENTS OF THE STARS IN FILM LAND

September 1st has been definitely selected as the release date of Nazimova's next production, "The Brat."

Stewart Edward White's widely heralded photo-dramatization of "The Westerners" will be the feature attraction at New England theatres this week. The cast includes Roy Stewart, Mildred Manning, Robert McKim, the heartiest of villains; Wilfrid Lucas, Mary Jane Irving, a remarkable little boy named Frankie Lee and Graham Pettie. Carl Edouarde has prepared a special musical score to "The Westerners" which will be used in the presentation of the picture throughout the United States.

Arthur Edwin Krows, author of several works dealing with the theatre and the screen and for some time associated with Winthrop Ames, has joined the Vitagraph forces. Through arrangement with George Randolph Chester, Vitagraph production editor, Mr. Krows will adapt for the screen several important literary works purchased by Vitagraph. Mr. Krows recently submitted to Mr. Chester a screen adaptation of "The Winchester Woman," which immediately was accepted and is now being produced under the direction of Wesley Ruggles, with Alice Joyce as the star.

Fox Film Corporation announces 160 productions for the 1919-20 season, including eight with William Farnum and eight with Pearl White, all taken from plays or books.

No man has to decide this summer between high or low shoes. They're all high, no matter how low they may be.

Talk is cheap and by the same token it's about the only thing that isn't. It's all right to meet trouble halfway, but don't go out looking for it. A man whose boyhood was one of poverty and privation is never entirely free from astonishment if he always has a big roll of money after he is grown up.

some "k.p.'s"

Brooks and Woods volunteered. The two cops found themselves dealt out aprons and put to work washing dishes. They were game, though, and on finding out the other meaning of "k.p."—or kitchen police—they stuck to the job.

THE CALL OF THE COUNTRY IS FELT BY CITY DWELLER IN SUMMER TIME

(Fall River News.)

"The call of the country!" Who has not felt it these past few days when city streets and pavements, the clang of street car bell, the dust and hurry of urban life and the rush and clatter of modern business, all accentuate the terrific heat and wilting humidity that, combined, make one long with an infinite yearning for purling brooks, shady forests, dreamy dells and langorous landscapes, far, far away from the dust and dirt of the city.

The artificiality of city life is never so plain as in the summer time. All the discomforts of man's constitution as a social being are then emphasized, and the sight of so much humanity, unbecomingly as it sweats and puffs about the daily task, makes one think, by contrast, of other sights and other scenes. The sun drives his shafts down upon us from a molten sky, the very stones in the street absorb the heat and throw it back, the city blocks shut out the breezes that we feel must be stirring somewhere, and we are uncomfortable and disturbed.

But the country! The land that lazily winds its way in and out past nodding trees and lichen-covered, gray, friendly old walls, past benign old farmhouses set back from the road like strangers; the orchards that stand with their trees close together like family groups; the smiling, nodding fields of corn that shortly will bear luscious ears for the chosen ones who may get them while they are fresh—all these and more the country offers.

every time for good taste."

"Oh, I'm not so sure; I deferred to yours."

"I guess it's mutual then, isn't it?"

(Tomorrow—"A Visit to the Zoo.")

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.

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H. W. WOODS,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
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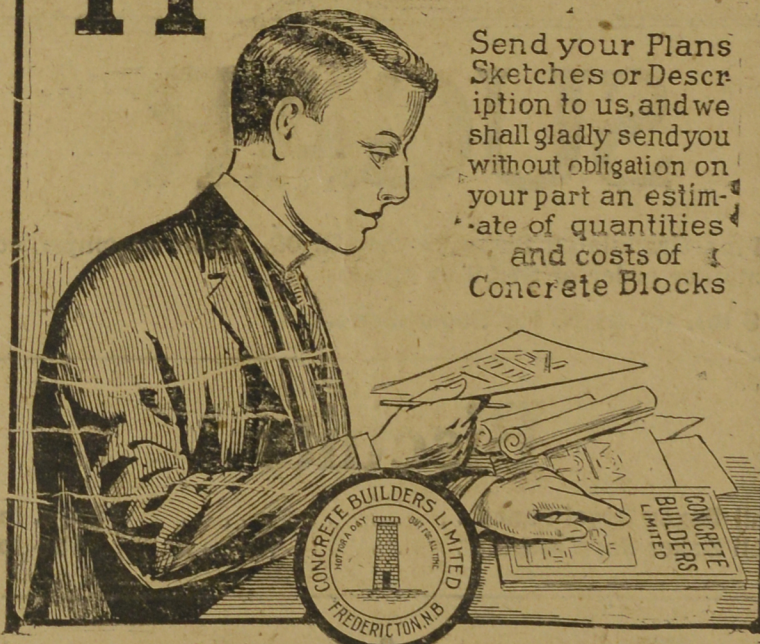
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