

And So They Were Married

Episode 2—(Each Other's Friends)
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RUTH for a moment was stunned at the direct attack that Alice had launched at her. Scott had not heard it at all, as he was still in the living room, but Bert resented it fiercely and told Alice so.

"You have no right to speak to Ruth that way," he said, turning toward his wife.

"Of course you would take her part, I expected that."

"What do you mean? There's nothing to take her part about. You imply that she has done something wrong."

"Oh, no; not wrong. I suppose she can't help being fascinating."

"What might have happened Ruth did not know, but just then there was an interruption. The bell rang furiously, and Scott went to open it."

"Well, well," Ruth heard him say, "come in. It's a long time that you've looked us up. Ruth," he called, "come in for a moment, will you?"

Ruth went into the living room just as she was, without even stopping to take off the developing pink apron, and faced Gene Mathews and Betty Lambert.

"I told her we oughtn't to run in on you people this way," Gene said, smiling. "Scott told me that you always made dates ahead, and I knew you would either be out or entertaining, but Betty insisted. She's never seen your place and she has always wanted to come."

Ruth felt a vague pang of conscience. She had never sufficiently urged Betty Lambert to come and see her. In fact, she had never wanted any of that crowd at the house, but they did not bear any resentment, and here she was actually glad to see both of them.

"And you don't mind, do you?" asked Betty, looking at Ruth with two very bright eyes. "Are we interrupting anything?"

"No, indeed, Scott's sister and her husband are here for the dinner. I'll call them, or perhaps you will, Scott?"

Scott went out into the kitchen to find Alice quarreling stormily with Bert.

"What on earth is the matter with you two?" he asked. "Come out into the living room; we have some company."

Alice was forced to comply and followed Scott sullenly in. Bert stood alone at the little window in the darkened kitchen, his eyes fixed unseeing on the street far beneath. He clenched his hands suddenly in blind rebellion against the sordidness of his life. He hated quarreling and he had been forced to endure it from the beginning of his marriage. Alice's vindictiveness, her jealousy, her temper, all had to be guarded against. The least infringement on what she claimed as her rights precipitated a quarrel with him. He wanted desperately to end it all; he wanted to be free; but Bert was too easy-going, too chary of change. His very temperament would chain him to Alice whether he would or not, and the fact that she knew this would give her every opportunity to keep on with her impossible attitude. He was ashamed of the scene before Ruth, but it had happened before with another girl, a girl who had never been friendly with Alice since.

Then Bert went into the living room, actually afraid that if he stayed out any longer Alice would make another scene and embarrass every one.

Alice, deprived of her bridge game, sat near the large lamp and hastily spoke, she clearly did not approve of Betty Lambert. Bert was introduced, and in a few minutes was talking with the others. He was interested; he liked the gay informality of these people. He felt as though he had known them for a long time. Ruth, surprised and astounded at Bert's manner when he was talking to Betty, saw possibilities in him that she had never suspected. Then, with a sudden sense of shame, she was brought face to face with her own judgment of Betty Lambert. How unfair she had always been with her, and yet what a small reason she had had. Simply because Betty was an actress. She had not even known what kind of an actress she was, but she discovered tonight that Betty had talent, real ability. Before Ruth had lumped all actresses in one group—just actresses. But when she thought of them at all, she thought of the chorus girl variety with gauzy skirts who were proficient in just one thing—champagne and lobster in combination. And Gene Mathews, why had she objected to him as a friend? Because he was unconventional, because his life was different in the main from other men she had known. Had she tried to get Scott's viewpoint at all, the matter of the friends before tonight? No, she would have to confess that she hadn't, and it had taken Alice's and Bert's sordid attitude toward life to wake her up to her own shortcomings.

(Tomorrow, some surprising revelations in just a simple conversation.)

Adventures With a Purse

ONE can never have too many little fancy purses. A collar here, a cuff there, or some other place an unruly hook, and a pretty pin to the rescue of our dignity. I saw pins today which, to my mind, are particularly pretty. They are sterling silver, buckle-shaped and some have little lines of black through them, resembling enamel. Their price is but thirty-five cents a pair.

Miss Marjorie's sweater and other garments must be treated just as well, and hung up just as carefully as mother's. But naturally they can't be hung on grown-ups' hangers. Nor need they be. For tiny hangers, just of the width of those little shoulders, come in most attractively pointed designs. Be sure heads with toddling curls do away with the unattractive "hump" in the middle of the hanger, and in fact, no attractive are they that they will make your small daughter want to hang up her little frocks. And this is an excellent habit to learn. The price of these hangers is fifty cents.

"Is your wrist watch a Christmas present?" I asked. "Yes," she replied, "and I like it immensely, but I had so much, rather have a ribbon strap than the bracelet," she was delighted to learn that the ribbon straps may be purchased with gold or silver finish clasps, and all ready to be snapped on her watch, for fifty cents.

We will all freely admit that the well-dressed woman will never carry shabby-looking luggage. And there is no doubt that we all appreciate the value of the appearing bags and suitcases, but, alas, we appreciate also that most of them cost money! Most of them? Yes, but not all of them. You know the spinning suitcases that look like black patent leather? One shop is showing a display of those—mole-skin of that weight is the material and prices in at \$5.

For the names of shops where articles mentioned in "Adventures with a Purse" can be purchased, address Editor of the Evening Public Ledger, or Women's Department, Walnut

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Noon—Chimes
4:50—Grand Organ

WANAMAKER'S

DOWN STAIRS STORE

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Good Stocks Everywhere for the First Saturday in January in the Down Stairs Store at Wanamaker's

New Goods! New Fashions! New Prices! to Begin the New Year With

To keep our words within the limits of making a plain statement, without boasting, it seems proper to say that there never was a period in the history of the store in all its years that so many goods were taken away in any three months, so that the stock had to be replenished, and freshened, every twenty-four hours.

If anybody insisted that we should have a Rummage Sale we couldn't do it—our stock is as fresh as we ever hope it will be. As the plumbers in the city say, and the authorities of the Water Department, "we have to keep the pipes flushed," so that everything that comes to the surface is clean and sweet and actually fresh.

Whoever looks through our store for old or antiquated goods will be disappointed. They are not here.

Therefore, we are in the market every day and among the manufacturers every day, and they are coming to us with their samples.

Our announcement for tomorrow is as follows:

300 Good Serge Frocks for Women at Half Price and Less Than Half



A Special Group of Taffeta Frocks at \$16.75

Here are, in various styles, some combined with Georgette crepe, others trimmed with contrasting color, and many with rows of self-covered buttons. They are in taupe, navy and brown.

Among the Newer Things

Some lovely new Georgette crepe frocks have just arrived in navy blue, beige, Copenhagen blue, white, peach, pearl, gray, rose and raspberry. They are beautifully beaded or embroidered and some are combined with taffeta.

Also some smart plain color taffeta and black satin frocks. Prices begin at \$19.75 and go up to \$45 with many stops between.

These pretty frocks are mostly in navy blue, though there are some colors in the lot. Several different styles are here, many braid-trimmed.

\$10
\$12.25
Fine serge makes these frocks, mostly in navy blue, trimmed with embroidery, braid, fringe or rows of buttons. The styles are pretty, new ones.

\$15
Novel serge frocks, many with overskirts, some braided, others in Russian blouse styles, are attractive.

Wool Jersey Frocks at \$15 and \$19.75
on which the savings run anywhere from \$10 to \$15, are in sizes 16 to 42.

Most of them are novel styles and all are beautifully made—with silk linings; some are braided or embroidered, others are trimmed with contrasting jersey. The colors are Pekin, brown, tan, plum, rookie and navy blue.

Spring Serge Frocks Special at \$16.50
New fine twill serge in navy blue are used in this attractive style with a collarless bodice and an overskirt done in braid designs. Bone buttons trim the sleeves.



The Newest SATIN HATS Boast Trimmings of STRAW

They're not particularly Southern hats, either, but hats that can be put on and worn immediately right here in Philadelphia. The colorings are mostly dark blues and browns—though you'll see some bright reds and turquoise blues among them—and the tops are of satin or Georgette crepe. The under brims are faced or edged with wide straw braid or with liseré, and very little trimming is used.

The shapes are worth a word of their own, for they are delightfully new. Some are quite square, some turn sharply up in front and down in back, others are broader of brim with creased and upturned edge. Most all fit the head closely. \$3, \$5, \$6 and \$8.

100 Velvet Hats Reduced to \$5
Some of these are trimmed with fur and all have been several dollars more. A good many are half price.

Lustrous White Sateen Petticoats at \$1.25
The deep flounces are accordion-pleated and the petticoats are generously full. There is elastic at the waist.

Special Sample Georgette Blouses, \$3.90
Delightful blouses, beaded or embroidered, are all of Georgette made in dozens of pretty ways—some quite collarless, after the new mode. They are mostly in flesh, pink and white or combinations of these two shades, though a few blouses in suit shades are among them.

Any Man Who Knows a Good Thing Will Buy an All-Wool Suit in This Sale at \$22, \$24.50 or \$29.50

Your satisfaction will not merely last the first few times you wear it, but during every minute of the time you wear the suit—until it wears out. Being all wool and made in the Wanamaker way, that will be a long time hence.

These suits aren't loosely slapped together, nor are they only part wool. They are every bit all wool, and every seam and button is sewed as it should be sewed on a high-class suit, as every one of these certainly is!

The coats are made with various styles of pockets and with two or three buttons. Men and young men will find styles to suit their individuality. Some waistline suits are included.

Men's Heavy Combination Suits Special at \$13.35
Of heavy, ribbed cream-color cotton, these suits are made in ankle-length style with long sleeves and high necks. They are classed as seconds because of some slight imperfections in the weave.

Men's Good Suspenders Special at 45c
They have been considerably more all along. Made of good, strong elastic with leather ends.

A Clearance Sale of Men's Soft Hats—\$1.65
Practically all the good soft hats in our stock have been marked down for this clearance, some about half. There are various shapes of felt hats in green, brown, black, stone and pearl, and also some tweed hats among them. A good variety to choose from (of course, not every style in every size), so early choosing is advised.

Other Specials in the Men's Store on the Gallery
300 Suits of Warm Domet Pajamas at \$1.90 are well-made garments of striped domet. Nightshirts at \$1.35. Smooth, white muslin nightshirts, are perfectly plain. Striped Madras Shirts at \$1.55. These are good-looking shirts with soft cuffs.

All Coats for Children and Juniors Are Marked at Reduced Prices

Two good Winter coats are sketched. The junior coat is of a mixed coating, belted and lined throughout, 15 to 17 year sizes at \$9.75. The other coat is of corduroy and is for smaller girls of 8 to 14 years. It is in brown, green or burgundy and is lined throughout. \$7.50. Other tailored novel and fur-trimmed coats for junior girls are here in wide variety, and there are fine velveteens, velours and broadcloths, as well. Every one of these coats has had its price lessened. New prices start at \$12 and go upwards to \$35.

Washable School Frocks for Little Girls \$1.25, \$1.45, \$1.65
Making them at home hardly seems worth while when prices are so low. These are pretty little frocks, too, and will give much practical wear. Of line, chambray, rep and plaid gingham made in simple easily laundered styles, and trimmed only with a little tuck and piping or bandings of contrasting material. The proper little frocks for girls of 6 to 14 to wear to school.

Spring Styles Bring Beautiful Skirts for Large Women
A rack full of fine skirts in 33- to 40-inch waistbands are evidence. The beautiful materials and fine tailoring are the first things noticed, and then the styles, for they are quite unusual styles.

500 Boxes of Correspondence Cards Half Price at 25c
Each box contains 24 cards and 24 envelopes of white linen-finished paper. The cards are initialed and prettily decorated with tiny roses.

Among the Many Furs in the Great Reduction Sale Muffs

Black coney muffs are \$4.50. Japanese mink muffs are \$14. Black wolf muffs are \$18. Hudson seal (dyed muskrat) muffs are \$18 to \$27. Australian opossum muffs are \$27. Black fox muffs are \$30. Taupe lynx or fox muffs are \$32.50. Dyed crossed fox muffs are \$33.75.

Scarfs
Blended muskrat capes are \$22.50. Taupe wolf scarfs are \$22.50. Large raccoon scarfs are \$25. Skunk capes are \$27.50. Taupe fox scarfs are \$30. Black fox scarfs are \$30. Alaskan wolf scarfs are \$45.

Also beaver muffs, beaver capes, Point fox scarfs and muffs and capes of other desirable and fashionable furs which have been reduced are included in this sale.

The Clearance Sale of Rugs Goes Forward

The average prices are much below the present wholesale cost of the rugs. Included are willow grass rugs, Japanese straw rugs, Colonial rag rugs, heavy wool-and-fiber rugs, tapestry Brussels seamless rugs, wool velvet seamless rugs, Wilton rugs and fine body Brussels rugs. Prices start at \$1 for willow grass rugs, 27x54 inches, and go upward to \$87.50 for body Brussels rugs, 11.3x15 feet.

Special Half-Linen Crash 19c Yard
Bleached kitchen crash is half linen with a blue border. It measures 17 inches wide and is marked at about half price.

Babies' Long Dresses—85c

The batiste is soft and white and the dresses are finished with deep hems. The narrow embroidery which edges the necks and sleeves is finished in blue or white.

The White Sale Offers Many Splendid Corset Values

\$1.25—for topless corsets of white cotton or of figured pink rep with elastic insets in the front. These are suitable for slender to average figures.

\$1.65—for corsets for average figures. They are of flesh or white batiste with fairly long skirts and are well boned.

\$2—four good models at this price are of plain or figured materials in white or flesh pink in models suitable for slender, average and medium stout figures.

\$3.50—Dainty white poplin corsets with embroidered pink silk dots are for average to medium stout figures. They are cut with a medium bust, which rises higher toward the back.

Brassieres and Bandeaux
55c—for three styles in hook-front brassieres. These are made with square or V necks and two are trimmed with lace—the other with embroidery.

\$1.50—brassieres and bandeaux are of pink satin and lace or of lace entirely. This is a big collection in a great variety of styles.

500 Pair Women's Shoes Reduced to \$3.50 a Pair

Many of these were regularly half as much again—and more. Included are shoes of black kidskin and of brown kidskin with ivory kidskin tops. Both styles lace high.

Women's Spats—50c a Pair

Gray Brown White Chamois
The quality is excellent, and the spats are nine-button high.

Women's and Girls' Black Shoes Special at \$2.85 a Pair

Sizes run from 2 1/2 to 7. The shoes are made of a good thickness of black leather, with double tips, tops that lace high and medium or low heels.

Women's Felt Slippers at 65c a Pair

Warm slippers of wine, black, blue, gray, lavender, pink or old rose felt have quilted insoles.

200 Pair of Children's Shoes \$1.35 a pair

In sizes 4 to 8, the shoes are made of tan kidskin, black kidskin and black patent leather. Some of them have white tops. They have wedge heels and turned soles.

350 Pair of Men's Shoes \$2.90 a Pair

Black calfskin lace shoes are made on English lasts with welted soles.

Women's Coats in Five Special Groups—Many Are Half Price

50 Coats at \$13.75
Good Winter coats are of velour, cheviot and burella; many are lined throughout and most all are trimmed with fur fabric. The colorings include navy, green, burgundy and brown.

Now \$19.75
Excellent coats are of velour, many of them lined throughout with peau de cygne—an unusual feature at such a price. They are in taupe, green, brown and black and one is sketched.

Now \$22.50
One-of-a-kind coats are of velour with shawl or cape collars of sealene. Some plush coats are in the group. Half price is almost the rule in this lot.

Now \$27.50
Broadcloth and velour coats have cape collars of skunk opossum or of nutria. Some are lined throughout with peau de cygne.

Now \$38.50
40 splendid coats—not many of a kind, but all are unusual values. They are mostly of suede velour with shawl or cape collars of raccoon or sealene. Another style has a nutria collar and nutria trimming the pockets. One is sketched. A few mole fur cloth coats are in the group.

Women's Stockings Special at 22c a Pair
Black Bronze Gray White
The stockings are made of mercerized cotton in a regular, clear, light-weight weave. They are re-enforced in the feet and garter tops.

Some of them have imperfections in the weave, but all those mended and will not hurt wearing quality of the stockings.

\$17.50, \$23.75, \$32.50, \$37.50, \$50 and \$65