

And So They Were Married

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START THIS STORY TODAY

JACK BOND'S first feeling for Natalie Jergens had been one of protective friendship. She was so young and fresh and it was fun to go about with her because of the certain appreciation and hero worship that she unconsciously gave. This was, of course, due in part to the fact that Natalie realized that Jack was a good catch. She knew about his affair with Ruth, as every one in their set did, but her mother urged her on in attracting Jack and she was proud of his evident admiration of her charms.

Jack had been terribly hurt when Ruth had thrown him over. At first the idea of another woman in his life had been unthinkable; then Natalie had come into his life and with no thought of love or marriage he had accepted her as a friend. It was sweet to feel her timid deference; it soothed his wounded pride as nothing else could have done.

But Natalie was not content to be only a friend. She was playing her cards tactfully, egged on by her mother, and before Jack realized it, he was engaged to be married. It wasn't until he found himself obliged to marry Natalie that he realized how foreign all his thoughts had been toward marriage. He did not want to marry any one, but there was nothing to do but go through with it, now that things had gone so far.

With thoughts of marriage had come back all the old pain and unrest he had felt when he had realized for the first time that Ruth was not in love with him; it was then that he had discovered that it was impossible to separate thoughts of love from Ruth. It was then that he knew how much he still loved her and that the old love was the only love his life would ever hold.

In one way Natalie Jergens was young and childish, and in another she was surprisingly sophisticated. In the rush and whirl of the courtship there had not been much time and opportunity for wild love-making, but once they were alone together on the honeymoon, Natalie began to be uncomfortable, and to realize how endlessly life stretched into the future. A future shared with Natalie when already her little babyish ways were beginning to bore him.

Natalie wanted people to know that they were on their honeymoon. Jack wanted everything kept silent. She had ways of her own of allowing people to share their secret, maddening little ways that were irritating in the very extreme. She would allow a handful of rice to escape in a public place and then look deliciously embarrassed and surprised when it was discovered. Jack, comparing her constantly with Ruth, found her wanting in nearly every quality he most admired.

When they had returned from the honeymoon, Natalie had insisted upon public lovenaking, and when Jack had not approved she had pouted and grumbled prettily.

"People will think you are tired of me already," she would say, sidling up to him and cuddling against him.

"But I just can't do things like that before people," Jack had returned. In his heart he realized that he was not doing very much of the lovenaking when they were alone, but it seemed enough for Natalie if he responded to her advances.

It was pathetic in some respects, pathetic in that she failed to allure him in all her pretty tressouree clothes. Natalie would chide enough to confess it to her mother and Mrs. Jergens, who was thoroughly sophisticated, talked, as she put it, sensibly to her daughter.

"You can't expect the courtship days to last forever, child. You have a good husband with plenty of money, all you want to wear and a pretty home, what more do you want?"

"You can't expect a man to go on saying pretty things forever," her mother went on sagely, "and for goodness sake, child, don't overwhelm Jack with caresses; give your caresses charily if you want to keep him guessing as to the way you feel."

"But if I can't be myself to my husband, I can't ever be natural," Natalie wailed.

"Don't be silly," her mother had returned cryptically, "you're a woman now, and must realize the truth about life. All that silliness that you refer to exists only in novels, and there's no need of making yourself miserable because your husband is not foolishly demonstrative over you."

Natalie half believed her mother, but she saw things constantly that made her doubt whether her mother knew everything or not. And then, gradually, because she could not seem to reach Jack any other way, she had taken to pettiness, little fault-finding. She was not happy, she felt that something was wrong, and she wanted Jack to be uncomfortable about it, too. It was an unfortunate state of affairs with Jack feeling as he did toward Ruth, and Ruth herself, although thoroughly in love with her husband, not at all adverse to lavish admiration from an old-time lover.

In the next installment—Married Life and Natalie.

THE BLUE SERGE CAPE AND COAT WRAP



This is a most practical and sensible wrap, and the tucks finished with black braid make it quite unusual. The material is blue serge and the braid black silk.

Today the artist has made you a sketch of a blue serge cape which seemed very attractive to me. The coat front makes this cape quite distinctive as well as giving it added warmth. This coat front is held at the waist line by a narrow belt, which is buttoned and held snugly to the figure. The cape extends only to the front on each side of the neck line, and is trimmed from the shoulder line to about the elbows, with rows of black silk braid. Each row of braid is decorated at the front edges with a button. The collar is of the scarf variety and finishes at either end with a black silk tassel.

The small hat is made of rolls of horsehair braid and bands of taffeta. An ostrich feather of jade green trims the hat at the back.

The Woman's Exchange

Will Give Away "Nursery"

Dear Madam—I have a nursery which I would be glad to give to some poor family with children. The nursery is really nothing else but an icebox. Why it is called nursery I do not know myself, but that seems to be the popular name for it in this city. It is nothing but a big square box, one compartment large enough for about a fifteen-pound piece of ice and the other side for food. We have bought a regular refrigerator and have no more use for the nursery. I am sure some poor family would be happy to get it. It is still in sound condition and does not leak. I got along nicely with it for three summers and it answers the purpose. I never miss the Woman's Page of the Evening Public Ledger, as there is always something useful to be found. M. D.

Letters for M. D. will be forwarded. I am sure it is most kind of you, my dear friend, to make this nice offer through the exchange. The "nursery" will surely be appreciated by some family who has none.

The Question Box

Today's Inquiries

- 1. What century of a famous queen is to be celebrated next month?
2. Does a wedding invitation require an answer?
3. Describe a very and unusual color combination for evening dresses this spring.
4. What is the best time for the new baby's bath?
5. How can old willow furniture be renovated to add cheer to a room?
6. What will remove hard paint from wooden clothing?

Saturday's Answers

- 1. In the book social each guest is asked to wear something that will suggest the title of a book. Paper and pencil are distributed and the guest who has at the end of the evening discovered the greatest number of titles is given a prize.
2. The national flower of France under the Bourbons was the fleur-de-lis and under the Bonapartes the violet.
3. The leather wedding anniversary is celebrated in the third year of marriage.
4. Before working in the garden put soap under the finger nails to prevent dirt getting under them.
5. A pretty fad for the seashore is having the sweater, hat and parasol to match.
6. Odd buttons in the sewing room can be most conveniently kept in a wide-mouthed bottle.

Table for Tenth Anniversary

Dear Madam—Kindly advise us as to how to decorate a table for a tenth anniversary wedding, also what kind of invitations can be sent. A DAILY READER.

The tenth anniversary is tin, and this gives plenty of opportunity for decorations. Use a tin basin or cake pan filled with pussy willows or some other flower that grows close to the ground, as a centerpiece. Use brass candlesticks or any kind that you have and place them in a tin can. Then let strands of Christmas trees (tinsel) hang from the top of the candlestick to the edges of the tin box. Use four candlesticks, placing them at the four corners of the centerpiece. Have everything served in tin pans, and if possible use tin cups instead of china ones for coffee. Write your invitations in red ink on silver paper, which looks like tin. For favors have little decorated tin boxes on which each guest may carry away a slice of wedding "cake," which should be served on a tin plate.

Stunts for a May Walk

Arrange the May pole in the center of a large grass plot or even place where there are no bushes or flowerbeds to run into. The ribbons should be attached to the top of the pole, and should be long enough to twine round and round the pole until it is entirely covered.

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stones and taking them anywhere your fancy leads you. You might have a penny walk, stopping at every corner to toss a penny in the air and then turning in the direction that the penny falls. If the children are imaginative, you might give each one the name of a wild flower and get them to tell how they spend their days out in the fields or woods. Or you might start a progressive story, and let each one tell a little of it as you go along. When you get to the picnic place—for, of course, there must be a destination and lunch baskets to go with it—you could play games like Twenty Questions, Beat, Bird and Fish, Ruz and so on. I hope you will have a delightful time.



CLEAN-UP-WEEK

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