

And So They Were Married

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START THIS STORY TODAY THE drive home after Natalie had settled the bill was conspicuously silent. Once or twice Rita started the conversation by remarking on something or other, but Natalie and Ruth replied in monosyllables. Rita's attitude had made them disinclined to talk. Natalie trying to speak naturally mentioned dropping them at the apartment and rushing right home as she had an engagement, and Ruth and Rita went upstairs in silence. For two days Ruth saw nothing much of Rita and Dan. She missed them, but she made no effort to seek out Rita. After two days, however, she began to make excuses for Rita in her own mind and to wonder if she hadn't judged her too harshly. Ruth had not entirely confided to Scott what had happened that day when Natalie had taken them out for lunch. She had said, however, that they had met a crowd of Rita's friends and that she didn't care much for them. "Perhaps that explains why she doesn't want her old friends around," Scott suggested; "she may realize that they aren't the people she wants to know."

concerned, but there were so many other things, Helen Townsend, for instance. She didn't like Helen nearly as well as she once had, and now Jack was married to Natalie and awfully in love with her, and even she and Scott were not quite the same. They had looked forward to life as something very different, but wasn't it just the same for them as it was for other couples? "Weren't they now just married?" Ruth turned into the familiar street and eyed the apartment house with cold disapproval. She turned in at the door and climbed up the stairs, and on the landing stood Rita and Scott talking. It was the first time that either she or Scott had seen Rita and she was glad, it cheered her up. "Aren't you home early dear?" She asked Scott after they had all said hello, and matters seemed to be adjusted. "It is early," Scott returned. Ruth did not think it necessary to ask him why he was so early when he made no effort to explain; instead she slipped her hand inside his arm. She was childishly glad that Rita and she were once more to be friends. In that moment of relief she cared not at all for the fact that Rita had made herself unpleasant that day. Perhaps if she were tactful enough she might influence Rita for the better. After all, every human being has some faults, and had to be liked in spite of them. It was after the Whitmores and the Raymonds were once more very intimate, in fact shortly after Ruth had come on Scott and Rita talking in the hall, that Ruth began to notice things. Having once made up her mind about Rita, she made more excuses for her than ever, she tried to avoid noticing things Rita did that she, Ruth, did not like in an effort to be entirely loyal, but it became quite obvious that Rita was employing the same methods with Scott that Ruth had employed with Jack Bond. At first Ruth refused to admit this even to herself, but finally she was forced to admit that it was the truth. Rita did everything with apparent innocence, but nevertheless she would make herself an attractive to Scott as possible. And Ruth was forced to admit that Rita certainly was attractive. Womanlike, Ruth did not reason matters out at all, she did not try to see things from Scott's viewpoint. She had excused herself any number of times for permitting a friendship with Jack Bond when she knew very well that Jack had loved her and was still attracted toward her and that Natalie, his wife, was made miserably unhappy by it, but this time the shoe was on the other foot.

(In the next installment, Bridge versus Poker.)

\$144 IS ENOUGH TO CLOTHE GIRL FOR YEAR, SAYS EXPERT

Consumers' League Official Systematizes Expenditure of Salary of \$15 a Week to Prove Point

Can Spend \$6.20 Weekly for Meals and \$2.50 for Room; One Pair of Silk Hosiery Is Permitted

A Philadelphia girl may clothe herself on \$144 a year. At least, that is what experts on the subject say after careful investigation of existing prices and of the essentials in a woman's life. But to do this, she mustn't pay more than \$4 for a hat; she cannot have more than one pair of silk stockings a year, though she is entitled to eight cotton pairs at fifty cents each; and her lingerie mustn't go over \$8.50 a year. "I know right well that it is possible to live in Philadelphia on \$15 a week," said Mary Smith, "because I do it, and I know heaps of girls who get less than that and support their mothers and families. It just means that our tastes can't be extravagant, and that we have to get the ordinary, practical things and let the wealthy enjoy the frills." Mary Smith is not her real name, but she is a real Philadelphia girl. With several companions she was at the Y. W. C. A. today when the discussion of living expenses was introduced. "The annual budget for living expenses made by the Consumers' League of eastern Pennsylvania, showing just what a girl should pay for each essential, is very good," she continued. "But most of us can't follow it exactly. Last year I spent only \$27 for clothes. I wanted other clothes, but there were so many other expenses to meet I just didn't have enough money to go round. From questionnaires filled out by more than a thousand women in this city, and a careful study of existing prices, Miss A. Estelle Lauder, executive secretary of the Consumers' League, has figured just how each dollar should be spent if a girl earns \$15 a week. "I find," said Miss Lauder, "that it is possible for her to live comfortably on that amount, if there aren't any emergency expenditures and she retains her health."

Here Is How Miss Lauder Would Spend \$15 a Week

- Small, heated, single, furnished room, \$2.50 a week. Meals, \$6.20. Carfare, ten cents a day, sixty cents. Clothing, \$2.77. Toilet articles, ten cents. Laundry, seventy-five cents. Health, thirty-nine cents. Stamps and stationery, six cents. Amusements, twenty-five cents. Money not spent on regular meals or carfare, 15 cents. Papers and magazines, fifteen cents. Dues, five cents. Church and charity, fifteen cents. Christmas presents (on a basis of \$3.65 per year), seven cents. Insurance, twenty-five cents. Loss of wages, one week's illness, twenty-eight cents. Loss of wages, one week's vacation, twenty-eight cents.

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, such as Hats at \$3 and \$4, Coats at \$10, Dresses, One-half good dress at \$12.00, etc.

\$4,390,000 TO AID INSANE APPROVED

Measure Reported to House With Reduction of \$210,000 in Sum Asked

By the Associated Press Harrisburg, June 6.—The bill making the appropriation for the care and maintenance of the indigent insane has been reported to the House with \$4,390,000 for the two years covered by the appropriation bills. This is a reduction of \$210,000 in the sum asked. The money is apportioned among the institutions caring for the insane on a per capita basis. Deficiency bills covering the last period have been passed and approved. The House appropriations committee has also reported out the following bills: For continuance of the state old age

pension and health insurance commissions each \$15,000, reports to be made in 1921. For continuance of the state banking law commission \$10,000. State share of county, school and road taxes on forestry reserves \$107,500. Navigation commissioners of Philadelphia \$63,000. Prison labor manufacture commission \$75,000. Purchase toll bridge between Pennsylvania and New York \$15,000. Nautical school ship \$100,000. Erie basin improvements \$20,000. Bars Wax of Wilkins New York, June 6.—On application of counsel for Dr. Walter K. Wilkins, who is awaiting trial on the charge of killing his wife at their home at Long Beach, L. I., Justice Joseph Aspinall, in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, yesterday granted a temporary injunction restraining a waxwork show on Coney Island from exhibiting a tableau called "The Wilkins Tragedy."

GREEK KING REWARDS PHILADELPHIA NURSES

Medals Given Clarissa Blakeslee, Drexel Hill, and Edith Glenn, Bristol

Two young women whose homes are near this city have received the medal of military merit from King Alexander of Greece for their heroic work as Red Cross nurses in Macedonia. The honored nurses are Clarissa Blakeslee, Drexel Hill, and Edith Glenn, Bristol. They helped to fight a typhus epidemic in Macedonia. Miss Blakeslee contracted the disease, but has entirely recovered. Other Red Cross nurses honored at

the same time by the king were Sarah Addison, Baltimore; Marie Clauber, Chicago; Alma Hartz, Davenport, Ia.; Isabel Martin, San Francisco; Emily Porter, Bridgeport, Conn., and Florence Stone, Plainfield, N. J. The king made a brief speech to the nurses, thanking them for saving the lives of a great many Greeks who returned from Bulgaria after the armistice was signed. Harvard Buys Naval Radio Hall Cambridge, Mass., June 6.—Harvard University completed the purchase from the Navy Department today of the large drill hall that was used by the Naval Radio School. The hall will be used by the newly established Harvard Engineering School as a laboratory for mechanical engineering.

READER CLAIMS HUSBANDS OUGHT TO ACT ON SERVANT-GIRL PROBLEM

To the Editor of the Woman's Page: Dear Madam—Mrs. M. A. T. is right in much that she says. Some housewives do make excessive demands on the maid of all work. But even though the mistress "does her part" there is often a servant problem to discuss. Who has not seen and known personally cases of the greatest ingratitude on the part of servants even after such kindness on the part of the mistress. Observe how frequently servants leave after Christmas, after just having received generous presents. And where is the housekeeper who has not suffered from the thefts of servants? Money and jewelry should certainly not be left about to tempt them, but one cannot lock up all the food and clothing. Surely the servant should have a decent room and ample food. But in most of the best households the same food is not given out for the servants' table—where four or five are kept, and they themselves are satisfied with pork and cabbage rather than more expensive dishes which they do not really like. But any one these days who is being given food is a fortunate creature. Teachers who have room and board as part of their stipend consider themselves lucky. So why should not servants? During the war, when excessive, absurd and even criminally large wages have been paid to untrained labor, many people have lost all sense of balance in regard to labor problems. Do we really want to be ruled by labor? And shall we have a democracy then? The professional classes are simply being driven to the wall. They are crushed between capital and labor. We are coming perilously close here in America to being ruled by labor. And is this the thinking, the educated portion of our people? We shall soon have no ministers or teachers; no one can afford to take up these underpaid professions. So I should like to ask my fellow housekeepers what will happen when they pay a maid \$18 a week? If the American husband, generous as he is, gives in to this demand, he will certainly have less to give his wife for her own use. Men want a home. They used to whimper about suffrage driving women out of the home. And now it turns out that the casting of a vote—requiring a half an hour, perhaps—not going to break up the home, but that the servant problem is. Men who are so anxious to keep the home intact should give real moral support to their wives and mothers, sisters and daughters. They hold the purse strings—the men, not the wives

Former President Taft has some ideas on the servant problem. They are quite pointed. He was asked about this phase of the modern labor problem today just before he left to speak in Trenton tonight of the League of Nations. "A house is run well when it is run by HER," is his solution.

and daughters, of course—and they can hardly refuse their demands. And, in fact, the average man cannot afford to pay \$18 a week on servants' wages. No doubt Mrs. M. A. T. can afford to pay this sum. So, naturally, she is not upset. But in most homes this would be not only a hardship but an impossibility. CONTRIBUTOR.

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