

And So They Were Married

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START THIS STORY TODAY

FIVE days later Alice came. She sent a telegram to Scott announcing her train and asking him to meet her. Her train got in at 9 o'clock in the evening.

"Just as if it would hurt her to get on the subway and come up here," stormed Ruth. "No man ever looks twice at her and she's always afraid that some one is going to spirit her away."

Scott laughed. He had never had any illusions about Alice.

It began to drizzle at 7 o'clock and by the time Scott was ready to go downtown it was pouring. Ruth bundled him up in his raincoat, saw that he had an umbrella and then went back to the apartment. She was restless. At least an hour and a half must pass before she could expect Scott and Alice to arrive, and she did not feel like reading, she was too nervously expectant.

The slight coolness that had existed between herself and Rita that evening of the card party had worn off. Ruth still liked Rita more than any other girl she had ever known. She would have been willing to excuse her for anything in the world, but her attitude toward Scott was annoying in the extreme.

Ruth insisted to herself that she was not jealous; that would be admitting a lack of charm in herself. But it was uncomfortable to have Rita address nearly all of her remarks to Scott when he was there, to defer to him, to subtly flatter him, and to behave in general as though she relied upon his judgment for everything. Rita had been just friendly toward Scott at first, now she was more than that, and Scott could not see that anything was different.

Ruth would not say about Rita's manner to him and he would refuse to see it that way.

A long ring at the doorbell started Ruth out of her reverie and she jumped up. Of course, it could be no one but Rita, at this time of night, but as Ruth threw open the door a very different Rita flung herself into the hall and quickly closed the door behind her. She was breathing hard and she turned and clutched Ruth spasmodically, putting her finger to her lips.

"What is it?" Ruth whispered, leading the way to the living-room.

Rita followed and dropped limply into the first chair.

She caught her throat in her slim fingers as though to stop her heavy breathing and just looked at Ruth.

"Rita, what is it, what is wrong?" Ruth repeated.

Rita forced a quivering smile. "It was nothing, I got frightened," she said evasively.

Ruth saw that Rita was making a great effort to regain her self-control. This was shown by her question about the obvious preparations in the living room. Ruth had not expected any one that night and had carried a pile of bed clothes in and put them on a chair preparatory to making up the bed for Alice.

"Scott's sister is coming tonight for a short visit," Ruth looked at the clock as she spoke. They ought to be arriving any time now, and if Alice were greeted her first evening by Rita with her hair down her back and her Chinese suit, anything might happen.

"Rita, please let me go in and see if everything is all right in the apartment," Ruth insisted. "You stay here, I won't be a minute."

"Oh, no, no," Rita protested. "Don't go, don't leave me!"

In the next installment, Rita stays with Ruth until "someone" leaves her apartment.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LIST

Ten Philadelphians Wounded, One Seriously, in War Announcement

One Philadelphia is severely wounded, according to the casualty list made public by the War Department today. He is Cook J. Harlan Johnson, 608 Union street. Three other local boys received wounds whose degree has thus far not been determined. They are Sergeant Charles W. Jones, 3219 Oxford street; Private George Augustine Radnor, and Private Frank L. McGrath, 1838 North Twenty-eighth street.

Six Philadelphia boys have been slightly wounded. They are Corporal William W. Smith, 855 Leithgow street; Private Charles J. Nean, 2214 Ingersoll street; Private Russell C. Hall, 2401 North Twenty-fourth street; Private Joseph Manduka, 2203 Ellsworth street; Private Joseph Skaloni, 2708 Malmont street; Private Thomas Verrieh, 211 South Thirty-second street.

The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries

1. What movement that will completely change the order of home living is passing from city to city these days?

2. Suggest a novel way to announce an engagement at a party.

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Another Club Member

Dear Cynthia—Once one becomes accustomed to the good fellowship of the army it is right keenly felt; therefore, on this, a lovely evening for me, was a high school graduate's kindly invitation most welcome.

Will the one-time officers of the army who are now members of the club consider themselves properly saluted in the most appropriate military style by a mere buck private and extend to him the hand of well, argument?

Apparently the whole subject was brought up by Lieutenant B.'s lament of his inability to find the Golden Girl. Out of his lament there has grown a full and comprehensive argument. Today there are in America two distinct types of girl. One whom the war has touched to the depths of her soul; the other, who, knowing that there was such a thing as a war, passed through it without actual suffering, want or worry.

Once if a girl was pretty that was all that we asked. Now many of us

who have been away from home want to know if she knows a bit of cooking as well as dancing; if she knows the meaning of loyalty as well as laughter; if she can ever grow serious for a while and discuss problems that face us each day; if she can reason for herself and not let others pass their opinions to her. It is then that we pass judgment. Of course, it's a mighty nice thing to have a little blonde hang on one arm and keep on asking you questions and always agreeing with you, also giggling, but it's much better to be with a girl who will look you straight in the eye and ere the conversation become a thing of the memory give you something new to think of. We leave the first girl and wonder if ever she thought for herself and if she even giggled in her sleep. We leave the second with a desire to continue the conversation at the first opportunity. And there is Lieutenant B.'s answer: forget the first type, lieutenant, and go in search of the second. She is hard to find, but worthy of the hunt.

Summing it all up from the man's viewpoint, there are many types of men. Each has his ideal girl somewhere in his imagination. It is that ideal, a combination, mayhap, of the two types of which I have spoken that he is ever looking for. Let us wish him success in his search for the Golden Girl.

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