

And So They Were Married

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START THE STORY TODAY

BEATRICE'S face was radiant. It seemed uplifted by something from within. Gone was the affected ennuil that Beatrice had used that first evening when she had wanted to appear blue and world-weary, gone were the hard young lines that had marred her face at breakfast that morning. She looked like a radiant young girl just as she was intended to look, natural and sweet.

Ruth smiled involuntarily into the girl's face. She felt years older than Beatrice Moore, even the youth of the late twenties was not that fairy tale aspect that the youth of twenty-one is brimming over with.

"Something wonderful has happened to me," Beatrice said softly, "something so splendid that I am ashamed of ever being unworthy of it, that is why I hurried up here as soon as I could. Can't you guess what it is?"

Ruth shook her head slowly. "I'm engaged."

"Beatrice, not really?"

"Yes, I am."

"When did this happen?"

"This morning."

"To Bob Edwards?"

Beatrice nodded slowly.

"Can you be a little glad for me in spite of my having been so nasty?" She spoke like a wistful child afraid lest any one mar her blissful happiness by being cross with her, no matter how well deserved.

Ruth was all gladness, all response. "Glad for you? Of course I am. I think it's splendid."

"You don't think I'm too young?" There was a question in this.

"Not to be engaged," Ruth returned promptly. "Of course, you needn't be married yet."

"Oh, but I want to be married. We want to wait six months and then have our wedding. Bob says we'll be sorry twenty years from now that we wasted any time just now. You're married, Mrs. Raymond, you understand. I told father you were married."

"So this was why Beatrice was being so utterly sweet, Ruth thought quickly. It was different now, everything was changed since Beatrice had become engaged. She was no longer the poised young leader of the younger set with half a dozen swains swarming around her, she was just a woman, very young and unsophisticated and eager to be a disciple of a girl not too much older than she was, not too old to have outgrown the impulses of youth and had substituted common sense as her mother had.

Ruth wanted to tell Beatrice to hold on to her courtship days with both slim hands for they would never come again, and although married life might bring greater experience, it also brought other things, misunderstandings, little hurts and most of all that fearful habit of becoming too accustomed to each other.

Bob Edwards was a nice boy, but an awful cub. He and Beatrice were in love, just now they saw each other only at the most advantageous times. They had not yet tried the experiment of living together in one apartment, seeing each other across the table three times a day, enduring together all the little petty details that so successfully rob life of all romance.

When Beatrice finally danced out of the room, Ruth was sure of one thing and that was that Beatrice was no longer hostile. This fact was a relief but in that face of other impending things it somehow seemed small. There was George Everett to be considered. Ruth had started a little flirtation with him to punish Grace Lovett, but she had no idea of making the boy fall in love with her. This was tragic.

What had he wanted to say to her in the hall? He had said, "Let me tell you how much I care for you?" Did that mean that he wanted to tell her he loved her? Had he any nonsense of that kind in his head? Then there was Scott.

Not only the wall of misunderstandings that had been erected between them, but the fact that Scott might genuinely love for Dot Salisbury, that she might have awakened his feelings with her busy tricks, with the flattery of her reference for him. Even if he did not care for her deeply, the fact that Scott might stoop to a flirtation with another woman, to perhaps kiss her, would tear away all the trust and faith that Ruth had in life.

Ruth in looking at the experiences of any other young married couple would have been able to see more than she did in her own. She would have cheered things impersonally, she would not have been so quick to misinterpret trifles, she would have known that where there is love and more than love, thorough understanding, nothing very big can go wrong.

(Tomorrow, Ruth proves herself the typical woman.)

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Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Wait a While

Dear Cynthia—I am going to ask you to please help me out of a difficulty I can't imagine how I ever got into. I care quite a bit (I am afraid to say "I love") for a young soldier (twenty-one) and he thinks a great deal of me, also his mother and father, who have asked me to dinner a few times and are just the dearest parents I know. I often envy him because I have none.

Since I came from New York nearly a year ago he has been the only boy that I have stopped to think of, as I never go around very much to meet many. He is an ideal man. I have not found one fault with him yet.

He has been kind enough to show me Philadelphia and he has kept me from being blue many a time. He has never said or done anything familiar or fresh. He has told me a few times that I "looked nice tonight," but nothing more. When he says "good-night" he holds my hand a little tight, but I never took anything out of it. He always spoke to me in a "chickadee" sort of way. He often told me that he hoped I would never go with or have anything to do with the girls that are always looking for kisses and of the boys that use girls for tools.

"Anyhow, to get to the point and make a long story short, we were both invited to a 'chickadee' party last week and both attended. The last night we all went on a moonlight on this woman's yacht. I don't know if the music affected him or not, but he surely surprised me. He told me how much he cared for me, speaking of the future and told me he was saving to buy me a nice ring for Christmas. I didn't know how to feel or what to say when he told me, so I only laughed and told him how foolish he was and that I was too young to even think of such a thing. He felt quite hurt, but I could not help it. Although I tremble in his arms, I would not tell him so. I don't think I could care for him or love him in another way except like a brother. Please tell or advise me what to do, as I feel terribly upset about it. I don't want him to feel badly about it, as he thinks now that I am trying to break his heart.

NOT A HEARTBREAKER. Perhaps you care for this boy more than you realize. Why not tell him there is no one else, but that it is just that you feel you are too young. Ask him to keep on being pals with you, but you must not do that you do not spend as much time with him as heretofore, as it isn't fair to him if you are so very uncertain as to your feelings. If in the course of a year or so you discover you could never care seriously for him, it would be kinder to let him know that definitely, but in this case I would not decide until I was sure. Thanks for the flower, dear. It was sweet of you to send it.

To Janet

A special article addressed to you will appear on the page within the course of the next two weeks. So many girls are trying bravely, like you are, to be happy in spite of things, and a little general talk might cheer us all up. Of course, you'll be happy again!

More About Kissing

Dear Cynthia—Although I am quite young and rather inexperienced, still I would like to make a comment on the topic so much discussed here lately, as to why girls allow themselves to be kissed by every man that takes them out. I certainly disagree with these girls, for I think it is a sure and easy way of losing one's self-respect. But, after all, why put all the blame on the girls? Are not the men showing lack of manliness when they attempt to kiss a girl after taking her out, so as to repay him for the good time he had shown her. I am so puzzled as to why so many men insist upon doing this that I would appreciate it very much if any of our male readers would enlighten me on the matter. —"BLONDY."

Our New York Member

Dear Cynthia—I thank you for telling me where I could get the EVENING PRINTER Lesson in this city. Now I am getting it every evening, and the first thing I do after I get off is to buy it. I enjoy your column and all the paper. I like the Philadelphia news. I am getting along very good with the girls of this town.

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The ratification committee will meet at 11 o'clock. The state president, Mrs. E. E. Folkert, of Plainfield, will preside.

Italian Battleship Coming Here

The Italian dreadnought, "Canti di Cavour," will visit this port early in September, according to information received by the War Camp Community Service from Rear Admiral Lovell, Italian naval attaché in Washington. The vessel will be the first Italian battleship visiting this city since the beginning of the war.

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In addition the department will sell blankets in large lots of twenty at prices lower than the retail figures. No more than 10,000 blankets will be sold to a single purchaser.

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Club Will Hear Address and Then Tour Germantown

To acquaint Philadelphia with the charm and historic interest of Germantown and the Wissahickon, Charles F. Jenkins, proprietor of the Farm Journal, and one of the foremost authorities on the history of the Wissahickon and Germantown, will deliver a talk on this subject before the Rotary Club at its luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford tomorrow.

At 3 o'clock, Mr. Jenkins will conduct an automobile tour through the park, and along the Wissahickon and Germantown avenues, visiting and pointing out the most important spots. This party will start from Thirty-fourth and Chestnut streets, and will return to the city in time for dinner. Many Rotarians will join the party at Thirty-fourth and Chestnut streets.

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