

And So They Were Married

By HAZEL DEYO BATCHELOR

START THIS STORY TODAY

THE tables were certainly turned this time, for as Ruth came downstairs in her flame-colored dress she saw that neither Grace nor Beatrice were even- ing frocks. They were dressed in crisp organdy, Grace in yellow and Beatrice in violet, and they looked very young and girlish but not at all alarming as they had that first night when Ruth had felt so out of it all. Bob Edwards was there talking to Beatrice, and George was there and another nice-looking boy. Ruth thought that all looked terribly much like cubs and she was just too old for cubs although she had to play the game tonight.

She felt George Everett's eyes on her. They implored, they pleaded, they were full of homage, but Ruth did not look at him directly. She saw the other man whom she had not met turn away from Grace Lovett who was trying to entertain him by laughing rapidly at everything he said, and stare at her in surprise. Both were quite conscious of her little triumph, taking it all in all, but it was not because she gloried in it through any mean motive, but because she was having revenge on these girls for having put her at a loss when she had been an utter stranger to everyone at the dance that night two weeks ago.

Beatrice, however, was too happy to bear any rancor that night. She called out merrily secure in the fact that Bob would not even look at Ruth. "Look at Mrs. Raymond! Isn't she wonderful?"

And every one looked and Ruth had quite a little reception. It was the same at the clubhouse. Going over in the car Ruth had sat next to George Everett, whom she had purposely avoided. She was a little amused watching his tense young face as it occasionally flashed against a street light.

"Of course, he isn't really in love with me," Ruth said to herself, "but just thinks he is." Which isn't good logic, for every one knows that a boy's infatuation is a serious thing and is apt to lead to serious consequences.

At the clubhouse, too, everything was different. In the dressing room when Ruth slipped off her coat and proceeded to calmly arrange her hair and to set in the tall black comb a little higher she felt not at all intimidated by the younger set. Beatrice more than made up in cordiality for Grace Lovett's sulkiness, and one young fluffly thing who had pointedly overlooked Ruth two weeks ago now came up, proffered her a powder box and began to chat. It was as though they recognized Ruth's power and preferred to cater to her rather than to antagonize her in any way.

Ruth accepted the powder box and smiled to herself. "We women are all the same," she thought sagely to herself. "I wonder if I am as obvious as these girls are. They're all afraid of their lives that I will bother their men. Why wasn't I no dangerous two weeks ago when every one ignored me, and even the men saw nothing at all in me but the fact that I was married and therefore spoiled their fun?"

Of course Ruth did not remember that in a small town gossip of all kinds is banded around lightly. It gains in importance as it is repeated, so that every one in town knew that Ruth was considered a heart breaker and that she could have any man she liked without the least bit of trouble. Every woman there felt this a challenge and knew not at what moment Ruth might decide that she liked the looks of some one of their men. All of which was quite absurd. Ruth was no vampire, she was simply an attractive, out-of-the-ordinary girl, and it was not at all strange that having set out to do so she had fascinated a boy who was like a moth singing his wings at the flame.

It did not help Grace Lovett's feelings to realize that all these girls knew that before Ruth put in an appearance George Everett had been quite attracted by Beatrice's friend from out of town, but she had determined to play up to this new man Beatrice had invited for her with every wile she possessed.

Ruth was sitting at the little enamel dressing table when Dot Salisbury blew in—hair badly dressed, ugly little face, and everything considered, she was still somewhat quaint, unusual. Her entrance into the room introduced a new element. Dot Salisbury might be a very dangerous woman some day. She was clever and unscrupulous and both she and her mother were determined on one thing and that was attracting men. The Salisbury were poor and Dot must marry a rich husband.

Ruth knew that Scott thought Dot different, therefore it was Ruth's idea tonight to ignore Dot, to act as if unconscious of her, and inasmuch as she sat at the dressing table she had a good reason for not greeting Dot as that young person came into the room.

Ruth adjusted the comb to suit her hair and rose slowly. As she did she encountered Dot's eyes in the mirror, large and dark they were and filled with a grudging admiration that slowly turned to fury.

(Tomorrow—Out on the Pier.)

The Woman's Exchange

To Educate Herself

Dear Madam—I am a young lady of twenty-four, and I am writing to you to see if you can help me out. On account of sickness and deaths in the family my education was neglected, and must say I regret it very much. Now a good book that would help me to improve my education, as I feel out of place when I am out in company. I work in an office all day, and deal with people that have a good education. So will be thankful for anything you can tell me to do. I am very nervous to go to a school, so hope you can tell me of a good book that can complete same. Please print as soon as possible.

ATLANTIC CITY, C. G.

It is a little bit difficult to attempt general education without guidance; but, of course, there are books that would help you a great deal. But you progress would be so much more rapid and thorough if you could only make up your mind to conquer your nervousness and go to night school. There are so many girls placed in similar position to yourself. You mustn't feel at all queer about it. There are not only the classes in the public schools, in Temple University and Drexel Institute, but there are those in the Young Men's Christian Association, where it would be possible for you to be with only a very few girls. Then you wouldn't be nervous. Have you ever thought of having a private teacher? That isn't nearly as expensive as it sounds, and one could help you out until you would have enough confidence to go to night school.

If you send me a self-addressed envelope I will send you the name of some books that will help you, and there will be an article shortly on the page that will aim to be of assistance to you, too.

Dog For Good Home

To the Editor of Woman's Page: Dear Madam—I have a cute little dog called "Foodley" to give away to someone out of the city. He was lost and I took him in, thinking I would get a home for him later. But I like to go away from home often so do not want a dog. I am fond of him and will only give him to some one whom I think will be very good to him. Perhaps some one who is a shuffling would like him. He looks like a Yorkshire or skye terrier. MISS C.

Letters in response to Miss C's kind offer will be forwarded to her. Miss C, part of your other letter was answered through the exchange and the other part is to be answered by mail.

To Anxious

The case can be referred to the Legal Aid Society, 34 South Sixth street, or the legal protection committee of the New Century Club, 124 South Twelfth street.

To M. C.

The sleeveless flit sweater pattern to which you refer was printed on the woman's page, March 26. You can get a back copy of the paper in the circulation department, Public Ledger Building.

Hotel Manager Given Loving Cup

Friends of James C. Bonner last night gave him a farewell dinner on the occasion of his leaving for Atlantic City, where he will be manager of the new Hotel Ambassador. Mr. Bonner, who has been manager of the Ritz-Carlton, was presented with a silver loving cup.

H. C. OF L. LYING IN WAIT, BUT THEY'RE MARRYING ON

July Was a Great Month for Cupid and August Is Running Strong, Despite All the Prices—Divorces Up, Too

How's business? "Fine," says Cupid. "Much better than this time last year. Even this room number '413' doesn't prevent their coming."

But how about the high cost of living? "Well, you see, two can live cheaper than one. That argument always takes, and, as Shakespeare says, 'He laughs at costs who never bought her clothes!' The cost of living has had no effect whatever on my business. Of course, arrows are a little more expensive, but they are just as effective as ever."

And, sure enough, Cupid's stolid recorders report that July was an unusually good month, far better than last year, and that 1323 happy couples appeared for permits to economize on the two-can-live-cheaper-than-one theory. August for the first thirteen days registered 895 applications.

Any professional women? "Not in six months," answered the recorder and he smiled for the first time in ten minutes. Professional women are scarce in this office. But one thing we do notice. Hardly any woman registers 'living at home' as her occupation. They all seem to be 'at work' or something of other.

But two floors below there is a sad story. There are no divorce courts during August, but 204 divorces were granted during July. Against the estimate of 20,000 marriage licenses in a year's time, the divorce records complete with about 1200.

It just goes to show that there is a lot of work trying to undo the work that Cupid sometimes makes with the

BABY WELFARE WORKERS PLAN CONVENTION HERE

Meeting Will Take Place When Dispensary and Social Service Center of New Hospital, 7th and Delancey Streets, Is Opened

A convention of baby welfare workers is being planned for the opening of the new dispensary and social service center of the Babies' Hospital of Philadelphia upon the completion of the new building at Seventh and Delancey streets.

Construction has now reached the first floor and completion is promised by December 1.

In the new building there will be a few hospital beds for emergency cases. The scheme of the center is to have a dispensary and hold daily clinics. Laboratories for experimental and research work, social service rooms, and a complete roof garden for the use of mothers and their infants during the hot season are parts of the plan for the new building.

Growing from a very modest start in 1910, with the object of aiding the foreign and poorer mothers in the crowded districts, the Babies' Hospital has grown beyond expectations.

The first building was a small house on Addison street near South street above Sixth, but the needs of its work have so widespread that the Babies' Hospital received contributions and bequests from interested friends until the institution now maintains, in addition to the dispensary at 334 South Ninth street, a summer home in Llanerch, where sick babies are cared for and brought back to health, and a seaside home for mothers and children at Beach Haven, N. J.

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under its care. The entire expense for this treatment has been borne by voluntary contributions.

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