

Women and Their Interests

"Their Married Life"

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Helen opened her eyes drowsily, conscious that she had had a bad night. Warren was sound asleep, and she wondered vaguely what had waked her—it must be quite early still, and then she heard Nora's footsteps and the telephone rang. The bell must have rung before and waked her, and she lay quiet listening to Nora answer it.

"Mrs. Curtis isn't up yet, said Nora, hushing her voice as much as possible. Helen lay still debating as to whether to get up or not. Somehow she knew that she wanted to, and yet her body refused to move, and she closed her eyes again and dropped asleep. Later, when she awoke, Warren had come in from his shower and was brushing his hair. He looked over at her as she stirred.

"Didn't sleep very well, did you?" "Not very well," said Helen, yawning sleepily.

"I know you had a pretty poor night—better stay in bed this morning. I'll tell Nora to bring in some breakfast. You didn't sleep very well while we were away, and this is just the time for you to stay in bed. There's nothing particular for you to attend to, is there?"

"Not a thing, Warren, and if you really don't mind I think I will go back to sleep."

Helen closed her eyes and with a clear conscience prepared herself for sleep. Out in the dining room Nora was moving around fixing the table for breakfast. There was a pleasant sound of work in the air while she could lie still and forget everything Warren finished his dressing and went out into the dining room. She could hear his spoon rattle against his coffee cup and Nora's voice as she asked him if he would have another cup. Then the radiator began to hum a little and she was almost asleep when Nora came in with a tray.

"Mr. Curtis has gone, ma'am, and he didn't want to come in for fear of waking you up again. He was very sorry, but he had to go. I don't think I can eat a thing."

"There isn't much here, ma'am; just a little to hold you till lunch."

Helen could not help smiling at Nora's way of putting it, and she sat up obediently and let Nora arrange the pillows behind her and the tray on the lap.

"This is so nice and comfy," she said delightedly, as she finished her grape fruit and munched her toast. "I'm afraid you'll spoiled sometimes."

Nora was putting things in order about the room and stopped to regard Helen for a moment.

"You're not looking as well lately, ma'am; you ought to sleep in the morning oftener than you do."

"Why, Nora, what do you mean? Where do I look bad?" Helen was always on the lookout for anything that might affect her look.

"Just a little pale and sometimes you look tired around the eyes, Mrs. Curtis—nothing much, though," reassured Nora quickly, only you really ought to be careful and not tire yourself out doing things."

Helen laughed. "Nora, you're a regular old Mother Grundy, she said laughingly as Nora went out with the tray, and then she lay still again and closed her eyes. She was almost asleep when the telephone rang.

"Don't call me, Nora," she said as Nora went past the door, and then she listened as Nora took up the receiver. Nora talked a long time, then she finally said, "All right; hold the line. I'll tell you."

Helen just remembered that the telephone had rung before that morning and she had not asked Nora what it was. Nora came into the room hurriedly.

"It's Mrs. Bob Curtis, ma'am; she called up early this morning and I forgot to tell you. I told her you were asleep, but she insisted that I ask you to come to the telephone."

Nora repeated her message mechanically and looked disapprovingly at Helen as she slipped out of bed and threw a kimono about her.

Out in the hall she took up the receiver and Louise laughed at her across the wire.

Louise reproves Helen for being lazy.

"You lazy old thing, what do you mean by sleeping so late in the morning? Do you know it's the most wonderful day?"

Helen explained that she hadn't slept well and was trying to make it up. "I don't do it often," she explained, "but Nora and Warren both spoiled me this morning."

"I suppose you don't feel equal to a day downtown Christmas shopping, do you? I thought if you did I'd let you pick out your candlesticks today."

"I don't suppose I ought to," she said slowly. "I almost promised Warren that I would stay in bed, and Nora has been telling me how pale I look lately."

Louise laughed again.

"I hadn't noticed it. However, you'd better stay in bed, Helen, if you don't feel equal to it. I'm a selfish old thing to coax you this way."

"But I really want to come, so I guess you can count on me, Louise."

While she was dressing the thought of what Warren would say kept coming up in her mind. He was very sure to dislike her spending a strenuous day shopping when she was tired out, and she had almost promised to stay in bed. Still she could get home early and look as though she was feeling well, and he would never know. Of course, if he should ask she would tell him, but she could add that she felt so much better that she hated to spend the whole of so lovely a day in bed.

As she fastened her waist before the mirror she began to plan a mental list as to what to give people. What to give Warren puzzled her most. He had given her a handsome surprise last year. She ought to return it in some way. And then there was Louise; she must give her something lovely in return for the candlesticks. Christmas, in spite of its joys, was a great trial. The only things that she greatly enjoyed buying were gifts for Winifred. Somehow one was very glad about children at Christmas. This was Winifred's first Christmas at home in a long time, and they must make it one to be remembered.

She looked into the kitchen on her way out. Nora was busy and looked up as she spoke.

"Give Winifred some of the rice and milk for lunch, Nora. Good-by, mother, she must give her something lovely in return for the candlesticks."

"Be a good little girl and play, and mother will bring you something nice for a surprise when she comes home to-night. Take her for nice, she, Nora."

As she went down in the elevator, Helen wondered a little uneasily if Winifred weren't too much alone.

(Another instalment of this interesting series will appear soon on this page).

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By MAY MANTON

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About five months ago I met a young girl to whom I am now engaged. From the day I left her to this day both she and her family, with whom I am on very good terms, think I am alone in this world, without parents or relations. Now do you think I would be doing her an injustice if I married her without telling her the truth of my past life? At the present time I can give her a reasonably comfortable home, absolutely independent from what I am receiving from my father, as I have a position paying \$27 a week, and also my habits of a few years ago are a thing of the past; also a thing she never knew. I dare say I am an entirely new person from what I was three years ago.

The first step you should take is to seek a reconciliation with the family you once shamed. Think how proud they will be that the "black sheep" has been reclaimed, has made good and is working seriously toward a fine future. The reconciliation will complete your success, when you have taken one other step. Don't start your married life with a lie between you and your sweetheart—tell her of your estrangement from your family, but try to add to that the happy tidings that you have won their forgiveness.

"KEYSTONE MINSTRELS" AT DAUPHIN Special to The Telegraph Dauphin, Pa., Dec. 28.—A delightful show will be given on Friday evening, at the schoolhouse, by the "Keystone Minstrels," which is a company composed of ten young men from Harrisburg and Dauphin. The show will be full of witty jokes, good singing and dancing. The middleman and general manager, George Garman, from Brooklyn. The company consists of George Garman, George Rhoads, Charles Garman, George Howard, Clarence Shatto and Chester Smith, pianist, all of Dauphin, and Dwight J. Stark, George Stark and Messrs. Johnson and Lauer, all of Harrisburg.

WEDDING AT MOUNT LAUREL

Special to The Telegraph Piketown, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Mount Laurel Bethel was the scene of a pretty event on Thursday afternoon, when William C. Gubb and Miss Sadie M. Kohn, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage. The church was attractively decorated with Christmas greens, chrysanthemums and roses. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jonas Martin, pastor of the Church of God at this place. The couple are spending a week's honeymoon with friends here after which they will return to their home in Philadelphia. The groom is actively engaged in Young Men's Christian Association work in Philadelphia, and is well known here, having frequently visited with friends. The bride is active in missionary work among the sailors.

MUMMERS' PARADE AT MILLERSBURG

Millersburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—On New Year's Day Millersburg will hold a Mummies' parade, consisting of comic, fantastic and showy organizations and individuals. There will be bands of music, delegations from fraternal societies and individual characters. Prizes ranging from \$2 to \$25 are offered for various contests. The parade will take place in the afternoon, starting at 2:45 o'clock.

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