

OF INTEREST TO THE WOMEN

THE STRUGGLES OF A WIFE

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CHAPTER II. (Copyright, 1916, by Star Company.) During the days following the conversation with her daughter, Myra Webb almost forgot Grace's words, which had for a time impressed her so deeply.

The Easter holidays came, and with them such gaiety as Grace enjoyed. There was a luncheon for Mary Elliott, her engaged friend, a little dance one evening, a dinner party another, and all in the Webb home.

Mrs. Webb had efficient maids, yet entertaining meant thought and planning on the part of the mistress of the house. So busy was she that she stopped watching her husband to see if he was depressed. In fact, he was away from home more than usual just now, for he had to run to Boston one week, and a few days later, to Buffalo. When he was at home, he said nothing about his own affairs, but seemed to interest himself in the gayeties in which his wife and daughter were concerned.

At the dinner party—composed principally of Grace's friends—was especially gay and merry. His wife, looking at him from the opposite end of the table, remembered suddenly her forebodings of a fortnight ago, and smiled at herself.

Reassurance. Surely she had been morbidly anxious. Were matters not all right with Horace he could not laugh and jest with these girls and young men as he was now doing. How good looking he was, how stylish, how altogether dear and fine! She felt that she loved him more than ever.

Yet, that night, after the guests had gone away and he and she were lying in their own room in the darkness, she heard him turning and tossing in his bed.

"What's the matter, dear?" she asked at last. "Can't you sleep?" "That coffee was pretty strong," he replied, by way of explanation of his restlessness. "Don't bother about me, Myra. Go to sleep."

She had no trouble in doing his bidding. His matter-of-fact tone had reassured her. She would not worry.

College reopened the following day and Grace returned to her work. Myra missed the girl as she tried to apply herself to some letters that must be answered. The vague anxiety that the wife had been able to banish was returning. She reasoned with herself, reminding herself how much she had to be thankful for. Her child was at college right here in town, coming home each afternoon. Horace was well; she had no ungratified wish. Why, then, was she uneasy?

Depression. Laying down her pen, she leaned back in her chair and gazed out of the window. A dreary Spring rain was falling. She wished that the sun would come out. If it only would, she might not be so depressed. She wished it was late afternoon so that Horace would be at home soon.

Yet she started as a familiar foot-step sounded on the stairs. Was that Horace? Why was he coming home at this time of day?

She caught her breath nervously as her husband entered the room. His

face was pale, and there were deep lines about his nose and mouth.

"Dearest!" she exclaimed, springing up and hurrying towards him. "What's happened? Are you ill?"

He tried to smile.

"No, not ill a bit," he replied. "But, Myra, I have something to tell you."

"Yes!" she whispered. Her hands were upon his shoulders now, her face was raised anxiously to his.

"What is it? Tell me, quick!" she commanded.

He was a strong man and did not falter.

"My business has gone to smash," he said, in a hard, strained voice. "That's all."

She did not cry out, did not faint. She seemed suddenly to have become as cold and calm as he.

"Sit down, dear," she said, gently, "and tell me all about it."

He did as she bade him, and, in a dreary monotone, told her all. For a year he had been fighting against this catastrophe, and tried to save matters by sending good money after bad; had risked everything; had hoped against hope. And now the crash had come. Everything was gone.

"And I am at the very bottom of the ladder," he said bitterly, "just where a man of twenty begins. And I am past forty-five years of age."

"But you will climb," she said confidently.

"Climb!" The expression was contemptuous, impatient. "And starve meanwhile. You forget that we have to live. Look at this," with a gesture that took in the luxuriously furnished room, "this has all got to go. I tell you we're penniless, Myra—worse than penniless, for I am in debt."

"But we have each other," she reminded him.

If he would only take her in his arms, as he had done when their only child was born, when their little boy died! But no, he would not show the tender side of his nature while talking of his troubles, even though he was worn out with the strain of the past anxious months.

"Yes, we have each other," he said gravely, "but that fact does not pay our bills."

"We will pay!"

"But we will pay them!" she exclaimed, raising her head defiantly. "And I can do my share."

"How?" he demanded, cynically. He did not mean to be unkind, but his tone cut her. Yet she would not show that it did.

"By changing out style of living," she told him, "and," with a timid smile, "by working."

"Working!" he repeated. "You!"

But she interrupted him.

"You forget that before I married you I used to write occasionally. What I did never amounted to much, for I was only a girl then. Now I can try again and do better. Dear, just let's pull together and it will be all right. I know it will!"

Distressed as she was, the wife felt a strange elation as the man she loved put his arms about her and said, with a break in his voice:

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(To Be Continued.)

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DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

For the past three years I have been going with A. About six months ago I met B and have been going out with him unknown to my friend, but only as a friend, as B is engaged to a young lady in another part of the State. I have promised to marry A at some future date, but am not formally engaged. Am I wronging either young man, inasmuch as they do not know of each other's identity?

W. D. Indeed, your course is dishonorable. And the fact that the young man do not know of each other only makes the whole proceeding more underhanded. You have no right to go about with another girl's fiancée, and you certainly owe it to the man you intend to marry not to accept attention on the sly from another man.

ETIQUETTE OF ENGAGEMENTS

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

During a conversation of a few nights ago the question arose as to whether it was proper for an engaged couple to go out with different fellows and girls. In explanation I would say that one of the girls in the party is engaged and is to be married in April, but was in the company of a young man other than that to whom she is engaged, and she took the same as did the other fellows, that it was perfectly proper.

F. B. S. I am distinctly not in favor of a situation such as you mention. Why engaged couples need seek social enjoyments outside of each other's society is a rather startling question and leads a step further. How congenial is such a marriage going to be?

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GRANGERS START CAMPAIGN GOING

Meet Here and Submit Platform For the Next General Assembly of State

Candidates for the Legislature will have to meet the grangers this year. The executive committee of the State Grange, which has been in session for a couple of days, last night launched its campaign for the next Legislature, issuing a statement of what it wants to be enacted.

The committee, which is composed of the worthy master, John A. McSparran, Leonard Rhone, William T. Creasy, Allan D. Miller and E. J. Tuttle, asks the State for more money for schools and roads, as well as local options.

The resolutions call attention to the reports made by State authorities that townships are receiving less money for schools than a few years ago and that children in rural districts are not receiving all of the educational advantages to which they are entitled. A demand is made for more money for township high schools because only 2 per cent. of children go to colleges and for extension of vocational education. The resolutions commend changes in the State Highway Department, but advocate adoption of the Grange highway bill of last year, and oppose issuance of bonds for roads.

A budget appropriation for charities on a basis of charity work done is advocated, it is also being recommended that manufacturing companies be subjected to State tax on capital stock, coal, oil and gas be taxed for roads, incomes and inheritances be taxed and that the cost of government be reduced.

It is made of the cutting of the appropriations for dirt roads, failure to provide aid for wiping out cattle tuberculosis, placing primary election costs on counties, reducing of county fair appropriations, reduction of rural school aid through operation of existing law and what is styled "additional exactions of departments on country people."

An antitreaty law and prohibition of liquor in clubs are demanded and on national issues the committee declares for national prohibition, denatured alcohol legislation, conservation and new oil laws and against limiting parcel post to fifty pounds.

GROWTH OF THE Y. W. C. A.

The Young Women's Christian Association started in 1870 as an auxiliary to the Ladies' Christian Union. In those days it was plainly called "The Young Ladies' Christian Association," and the aim set down briefly in its first annual report was "to give help, entertain and show Christian kindness to young girls who have left modest country homes to find work in the city."

The first home of the Young Women's Christian Association was not a very large room on University Place. How the girls worked over that room! They made it attractive with rugs and hangings and pictures; they filled it with books and magazines and pledged their friendship for nothing. It was three months before the first girl stepped shyly into the attractive room and found that the promises were real promises of real things. Now, in the Central Branch alone, there have been 2,835 members, and in a year 10,012 guests. The Central Branch is only one of the thirteen Young Women's Christian Association buildings that flourish in Greater New York—nine in Manhattan and four in Brooklyn.—The Christian Herald.

AN ISLAND MADE TO ORDER

Hawaiian soil is being used to build up the small coral island in the Pacific Ocean known as the Midway and used as a relay station by a trans-Pacific cable company. A quantity of earth is taken there every three months by the schooner that is sent with food supplies for the operators. The task of building the island has progressed so far that it is now possible to keep a cow on the pasture. — Popular Science Monthly.

New York Society Girl to Wed Naval Officer

Miss Barbara Thaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Thaw, and Lieutenant Scott B. MacFarlane, U. S. N. The wedding will take place in the Church of the Heavenly Rest on April 28.

Miss Thaw's sister, Miss Beatrice Thaw, was married to the Marquis Francesco Theodoli and lives in the Castello di Ciciliano, Freno, Rome, Italy. Her second sister is Miss Katherine B. Shaw. She is also a niece of Benjamin Thaw of Pittsburgh and New York. Her mother is an accomplished artist and was before her marriage Miss Florence Dow.

Miss Thaw made her debut a year ago at a dance given by her mother. She has played in many amateur entertainments for charity and his spent much time abroad.

Lieutenant MacFarlane is attached to the Oklahoma, now on temporary duty at the Torpedo Station, Newport.

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