

# Reading for Women and all the Family

## Life's Problems Are Discussed

BY MRS. WILSON WOODROW

Do you believe in miracles? A little group of us had been sitting about the wood fire watching the flames, the most beautiful and living light in the world, unless it may be the falling waters of a fountain, or sunset, or roses. Presently the question of miracles came up.

Was there ever a group of people gathered about a fire in the twilight that the talk did not turn, sooner or later, on the mysterious and unexplainable?

One of the number will begin: "You may not believe this, it is so out of all reason, but I can touch for it as a fact." And when he has finished his story another will cap it with a still more remarkable tale in which he implicitly believes. And so it goes.

But this special evening when the question of miracles came up there were some very strong dissenters.

"Of course, I do not believe in miracles," said one very matter-of-fact person; "the universe is founded on law, consequently there is no place in it for miracles, which are an infraction of law."

"We are agreed that there can be no infraction of law," put in another man, "but any law can be affected, even suspended, by other laws. For instance, a bar of iron will sink if thrown into the water, and yet iron ships will float. You may throw a little stick up in the air and it will fall to the ground, drawn thither by the law of gravitation; but an aeroplane will rise to great heights and travel in any direction."

"At this some one laughed: "We might sit here arguing the pros and cons of the matter for hours. One person may affirm that he believes in the existence of miracles and another as emphatically deny the very possibility of such things, and here we probably not one person here who has not seen the apparently impossible happen, or known in trustworthy authority of its having done so."

"At this every one spoke at once; I was anxious to tell of their own experiences or of those in whose words they had confidence."

These are some of the stories that I remember:

There was a woman who for a number of years had made her home with an elderly relative, who was fond of her and grateful for her care and companionship. He had told her several times that since all of his other relatives were comfortably situated he meant to leave her the bulk of his property and had made a will to that effect. After his death no trace of his will could be found, and the prospects were that the property would be so divided that this woman's share of it would be inadequate for her support.

This was a great blow, but she

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## Bringing Up Father



was confident that the will existed and she and the lawyer she had engaged left no stone unturned in their efforts to find it. Finally, after weeks of fruitless search, she had a very vivid dream one night. In this dream she was sitting, reading to this old man just as she had been accustomed to do, when suddenly he turned to her and said: "It is a great comfort to me to think that I have left you well provided for. You know my will is made in your favor."

"Where is that will?" she asked, "we have looked everywhere for it and cannot find it."

"It is in that old desk of mine in the country house," he answered, "but it has slipped behind the drawers."

The next morning she went down to the country place, opened the desk, pulled out the drawers, and there, behind one of them, was the will.

Another story was told of a woman who was dining with some friends one evening. It was noticed that she had a very abstracted manner, and presently, when she stopped in the middle of a sentence and appeared to listen intently, her hostess said laughingly, "What is on your mind to-night?" She replied: "All evening I have heard the sound of running water. I fancied that you must have had a break in one of the pipes; but as no one else seemed to notice it, I didn't like to mention it. Don't the rest of you hear it?"

They all shook their heads and declared they had heard nothing out of the ordinary. When she went home she found her apartment flooded. Some other member of the family had gone out and left the taps on in the bathroom and the water had been running all evening.

A woman from the Far West said that a few days before she was born her father had been called East on business. When she was a week old he returned unexpectedly about 10 o'clock at night. As he came in his wife called to him to look at the new baby. The nurse lifted it from the bed beside the mother and held it out to him. He bent over it, smiled and said, "Call her Ellen." Then he went into his own room and they saw him no more that night. In the morning his wife received word that he had been killed in a railway accident about the same time they had seen him the night before.

A doctor told of an incident which had occurred in the early days of his practice. He was living in a town in Canada, and one of his patients was a French-Canadian woman who made weekly journeys from a village some miles distant to see him. She was suffering from an incurable cancer. At last her visits ceased, and

## THE FOUR OF HEARTS

A SERIAL OF YOUTH AND ROMANCE

By VIRGINIA VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER XXIII

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Stephen Livingstone had spoken truly when he said that Dora unusually had her own way. The present occasion was no exception to the rule, for Cynthia raised only a feeble objection to her cousin's remarkable proposal.

"Don't you think," she ventured, "that Milton will want you to take him in your car?"

"I don't care if he does!" Dora declared defiantly, though still merrily. "Coming here with a taxi for you was his own idea. Let him carry it out. And since he asked to be allowed to be your escort to our house I have a right to ask Gerald to do mine."

The whole idea seemed ridiculous to Cynthia. Here was Dora, with a big limousine, permitted her betrothed to take her cousin home, while she—Dora—drove home in her own car with Gerald Stewart. It was a self-willed girl's idea of a frolic, and with this thought Cynthia had her bone content, for she was aware that she was not averse to having five minutes alone with Milton Van Saun.

Edward Van Saun may have had his own views of the situation, but he only smiled amusedly.

"Young people will be young people!" he observed. "So I will let you children arrange matters to suit yourselves."

A few minutes later Milton Van Saun and Gerald Stewart appeared. "Well, I'll be blessed! Here are two of you!" Milton exclaimed.

"Dora, when I saw your car outside I jumped to the conclusion that it had been sent around for Cynthia. I had no idea you had come for her yourself."

"Well, I did come for her, but I understand that you forestalled me," his fiancée teased. There was not a trace of jealousy or resentment in her tone, in fact, which Edward Van Saun noted. "And since you wanted to take her home in a bumpy taxi," Dora continued, "I am sorry to hear you are going to drive around with me in my car, although he did not know it until now. Then you can return together."

Cynthia Objects

"I say!" (Milton was struck by a happy inspiration.) "Why don't you give me a ride to dinner with Dad and us?" It would be larks.

Gerald glanced eagerly at Dora and she replied impetuously.

"Oh, that would be larks! Let's telephone Mother."

"I would be delighted," Edward Van Saun began. But this was one of the times when Cynthia asserted herself.

"Thank you, very much," she said. "But really we cannot stay."

"Oh, Cy!" Dora pouted. "Don't be a spoilsport! It would be such fun to stay. Caspar could take the car home, and the boys can take us over after dinner."

"I am sure Aunt Amanda would not be pleased," Cynthia insisted.

Milton Van Saun's blue eyes were

## Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX

ALL WRONG

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

At a party recently I was introduced to a young chap who, upon taking me home, asked if he could call at my house Sunday and take me out. I told him that I would let him know, as I had to ask my mother. When I asked my mother she said that I was entirely too young (16) to go out with any boys. And when I met this young chap again (by accident) he asked me again whether he could call. I told him that as my mother thought I am too young to go about with him, I could meet him at my sister's house, as my sister would not tell my mother. We have been meeting each other for more than a month now, sometimes at my sister's house, and sometimes when my sister was not at home we have met outside. But I am afraid I am doing wrong.

E. W. T.

What you are doing is very wrong. Shame on your sister for helping you to deceive your mother. Don't meet this boy at your sister's house or outside. You see he is bound to draw these conclusions: "Ethel likes me well enough to sneak off and meet me without her mother's consent. She isn't very honest to her mother about it—well then she needs to be surprised if I am not honest with her." His respect for you is not likely to be great when he realizes that for him

you are lying and deceiving. That might justify him in his own eyes for self clever for tricking your mother—lying to you. But above all, my dear, in not being "on the level" with your mother you are being very unfair to yourself—not only disobedience and disrespect but a bad habit of deception are the things that you are letting conquer you. Don't think your self clever for tricking your mother—instead see what a sad little goose you are to be acting so weakly and dishonorably. It isn't worth it. Sweet sixteen should be learning something about life and the world and shouldn't be mooning around with boys.

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## Poles Tell Kaiser How They Hate Him

Amsterdam.—From a pamphlet circulating in Warsaw the Rheinisch Westfalische Zeitung quotes this satirical Polish address to Emperor William:

**Daily Fashion Hint**

Prepared Especially For This Newspaper

WINSOME FROCKS FOR EVENING WEAR.

The renaissance of plain and figured swiss has inspired the creation of many exquisite frocks for evening wear. To the left is a model in white, the narrow skirt bearing a billowy burden of ruffles. It is gathered to a simple girde corsage with shoulder straps of embroidery. What a first was intended for sleeves escape limitations and falls scarf-like over the hands, being caught at the top with embroidery bands. Over a pale yellow foundation the design is very effective. Medium size requires 7 yards 36-inch swiss and 2 yards lace banding.

Quite as dainty is the second costume of figured organza. The straight lines of the skirt are broken by a slight bustle-like arrangement at the back. Bands of flet insertion finish the square neck of the simple bodice and the shoulder straps are also of flet. In medium size the design requires 6 yards 40-inch organza with 2 yards flet insertion.

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## Ohio Man Is Modern Wizard

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## An Irrelevant Remark

Inwardly she was slightly frightened when she found how difficult it was to make this speech. Why should she shrink from talking to this man of Dora's marriage to him?

But Milton Van Saun made no answer. In stead he looked at her searchingly.

"Cynthia, I wonder if my friendship will ever begin to mean to you what your friendship means to me," he said, irrelevantly.

"You hardly know yet what my friendship might mean," she parried, smilingly. "You see, you scarcely know me."

"I knew you the first moment I saw you," he informed her, with sudden indignation.

"You mean you had heard Dora speak of me," she corrected.

"I do not!" he contradicted. "I mean that I saw you in Chicago, and watched you, and even spoke to you."

"You spoke to me in Chicago?" she echoed, mystified.

"Yes—I stepped right in front of you, and you dropped your letter and I picked it up and handed it to you, and you thanked me."

He stopped, startled at his own temerity. A look of recollection was creeping over Cynthia's face.

"Oh!" she murmured, "then you are the man who—"

he car gave a sudden lurch, there was the sound of splintering wood and Cynthia was thrown violently against Milton Van Saun's shoulder. Then for a moment she knew nothing.

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