

# Reading for Women and all the Family



## The Plotters

A New Serial of East and West By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER XXVII

Elizabeth was so astounded by Clifford Chapin's question that she did not reply immediately. When she did, it was slowly, as if feeling her way.

"Why, yes—if there is anything especially you want to talk about. But as this is your last evening with your mother, I dislike to take you from her."

"Oh, that's all right," Mrs. Chapin assured her.

The parent began to fear that Clifford was in a bad humor, and she dreaded crossing him. She had always let him have everything he wanted, and the habit of years was strong.

"I will detain you only a few minutes," Clifford said to Elizabeth. "Will you walk down to the gate with me?"

Mutely, she arose and joined him at the top of the steps. Here she paused and glanced back.

"I will be gone only a few minutes, dear people," she remarked with a little laugh. "All this sounds very mysterious, doesn't it?"

In the dim light, her eyes sought Butler's, and he smiled at her.

"Well, he's waiting for you," he said quietly.

Clifford was silent until he and his companion were out of earshot of the group on the veranda.

"I just wanted to tell you," he announced then, "that I know who you are."

The girl at his side made no response. It was too dark for him to see that she pressed her hands tightly together. She must keep her senses about her and not let her temper get the better of her discretion.

When the gate was reached, Clifford spoke again. "Suppose we go down the road a little way. We can talk better there."

"I prefer to remain here," Elizabeth answered quietly. "We can talk quite as well standing as walking."

A Blunt Attack

Her equanimity surprised the man. It also irritated him. He had anticipated an appeal for mercy.

"Perhaps," he said bluntly, "you do not understand what I meant just now. I know you are not Lizzie Moore. You are no cousin of mine."

"I certainly am not," she admitted with unflinching promptness.

"Then why did you pretend to be?" he demanded.

For reasons that are good and sufficient to himself, he told him, but which I am under no obligations to explain.

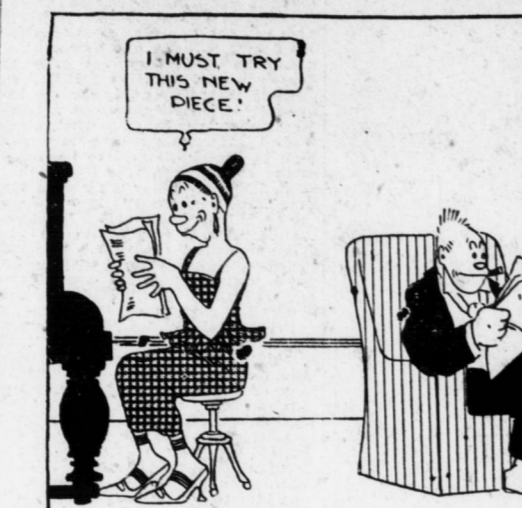
"Is that so?" he sneered. "Well, you don't need to make any explanations. I know who sent you here. How long have you known?" she asked.

There was no curiosity in her manner. She behaved as if his reply concerned her very little.

"I suspected you from the first," Clifford Chapin burst forth. "But I knew to-day, as soon as I saw that letter, who sent you here."

"I noticed that you were studying the address with much interest," she observed coolly. "I noticed it par-

## Bringing Up Father



"I MUST TRY THIS NEW PIECE!"

"The men in your class!" he snorted. "Perhaps you think I am not aware who they are."

"You could hardly have met them," she reminded him.

"Well," he spluttered, "I know who one of them is—and that's the one who sent you here. Douglas Wade sent you and pays your expenses."

"That is his privilege," she rejoined.

Her unruffled demeanor took away his breath.

"You admit it?" he exclaimed. "You have the shamelessness to acknowledge it!"

"I see no shamelessness in it," she affirmed. "This farm belongs to Dr. Wade, please remember."

Clifford Thinks Again

Her reminder checked the torrent of words that came to his lips.

Did the girl suspect his father's scheme? Was she warning him that it would be unsafe just now to cross Wade? Did Wade have more money than Amos fancied? If not, how could he pay this girl's expenses? What was the game anyway?

"If you have nothing more to talk about, you will return to the house," Elizabeth said, slowly.

"Since you know the truth, I would suggest that you be careful how you use it. You may have Dr. Wade to reckon with—and when he pays a score he pays it thoroughly. My disinterested advice to you would be to keep your lips tightly closed until you understand just how matters are. More depends upon it than you realize."

Turning sharply, she went on up the walk alone.

She was so angry that she could not trust her voice to say more. This had had the audacity to intimate that her brother had no right to send her out here to a farm that he owned. She was also perplexed at Clifford's attitude. How dared he resent her brother's action?

It was all too much of a puzzle for her to understand. This fellow would soon be gone. He would hardly have an opportunity to speak alone with Butler within the next hour or two before his departure for Midland. She must try to arrange that no opportunity offered itself for a tete-a-tete between the men.

Upset and indignant as she was, she must remain on the veranda until the son of the house took his departure.

John Butler arose at her approach and pushed forward a chair for her.

"Sit down," he said gently. "We are glad you returned so soon."

She could scarcely speak as she listened eagerly to his kind words and refined intonations. How pleasant it was to be in his protecting presence!

(To Be Continued)

## THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR FOURTEEN YEARS



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It was because the Kaiser's underlying purpose was to some extent frustrated when Harvard sent Prof. Muensterberg, a German, to Berlin to occupy the Harvard chair, that that well-known psychologist was so badly received. It was noted by the newspaper correspondents at the time that the Kaiser conversed fully half an hour with Prof. Smith, of the University of Virginia, who occupied the Roosevelt Chair, but that he devoted only five minutes to Muensterberg. What was the sense of wasting time and effort on a German? The object was to Germanize Americans.

The report that although the Kaiser attended Muensterberg's lecture, he paid very little attention to the lecturer, brought a spirited rejoinder from the professor in question. He declared that it was quite untrue that the Kaiser had slighted him in any way. On the contrary, he insisted, the Kaiser had been a most interested listener and had been seen, indeed, to nod his assent several times in the course of the lecture—which led an American foreign correspondent to comment that "not only was the Kaiser seen to nod at Muensterberg's lecture; he was likewise observed to yawn."

Some time before the Kaiser conceived the scheme of the exchange of professors, he sent his brother, Prince Henry, to this country to draw the two nations closer together and to instill in the heart of every child born in America of German parents an abiding love for the Fatherland.

Just before the war broke out, he was planning to send one of his sons here with the same object.

He told me of his project and asked me to which part of the United States I thought he ought to send the Prince.

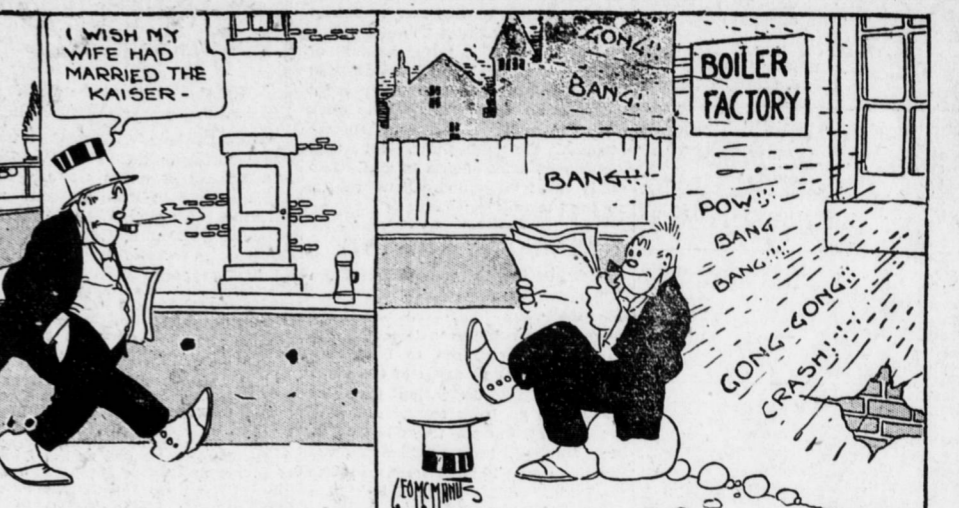
"That depends, your Majesty," I replied, "upon the object of the visit. If the purpose is to meet American society, I would recommend such places as Newport in summer and Palm Beach in winter. To come in contact with our statesmen and diplomats, Washington would naturally be the most likely place to visit."

The Kaiser thanked me for the information, but did not enter into further details as to the object he had in mind or which son he had planned to send across.

It was to curry favor with Americans that the Kaiser had his yacht Meteor built in our shipyards, and it is a fact that more American women were present at the German court than those of any other nation.

When he presented a statue of Frederick the Great to this country, in McKinley's administration, it

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Pack the tomatoes whole in the jars, doing one jar from the beginning to placing in sterilizer, before starting on another. Shake down well, hitting the base of jar with palm of hand, and also press with a table-spoon, but avoid crushing.

Do not add water. Hot tomato pulp may be added, otherwise add no liquid whatever. Tomatoes are an exception to the general rule of hot water for vegetables and hot water or hot syrup for fruits. A large part of the tomato is water. It is not necessary to add anything but one level

## Advice to the Lovelorn

HOW SHALL SHE INTRODUCE HER STEPMOTHER?

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am 13. My mother died about three years ago, and recently my father remarried. What puzzles me is how to introduce my stepmother to my friends or acquaintances and how I should address her. I would like to call her "mother," as the name is very dear to me.

There is no reason for you to call your stepmother "mother" unless you feel inclined to do so. In introducing her to your friends and acquaintances present her as your "father's" wife, Mrs. Smith. When you become better acquainted, you might call her by her first name if there is not too great a difference in your ages, or you might, between you, hit on some appropriate name that would be agreeable to both.

"PUZZLED."

## MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

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What can I do to stop my ten-year-old daughter and my twelve-year-old son from quarreling? They are at it continually. Some time just after you have planned a little trip with your daughter, or when she is in good spirits, speak very confidentially to her and ask a favor of her in this manner: "I have a favor to ask of you and then approve the workmanship. Likewise, furnish the girl with materials for whatever work you know will be interesting to her."

Sometimes I catch myself saying things to him which make him angry and I am going to try to watch myself more closely. And I want you to help me, too. Let us both be careful not to say anything to him that will make him lose his temper. Will you help me as much as you can?—All right. I know we can help him overcome his temper if we do this for a while. Of course, neither of us will tell him that we have this arranged, but we will carry out the plan."

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