

# Reading for Women and the Family



## THE PLOTTERS

A New Serial of East and West  
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Chapter XXXI  
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Amos Chapin's words lingered in Elizabeth's mind that night after she had gone to her room.

"I don't think there's the least need of your brother's coming on to look the farm over this fall," he had said.

Douglas Wade's sister knew that Chapin did not want the owner of the property on the scene just yet. It would not be to his interest to have Douglas see how well the place was looking. That bit of information, however, he would obtain from John Butler. Amos must know this. Yet he based some of his hope of acquiring the property on Douglas Wade's deferring his visit East to a later date.

Elizabeth understood his scheme, complicated as it might seem at the first glance. Amos had asked his son to arrange for a loan of enough money to enable him to buy the farm. He would wait to hear definitely from Clifford before making an offer to Douglas. If he could make this offer while the young physician was in actual need of money, there was every chance of its acceptance.

Since Wade was paying John Butler no salary, it was plain that he could not afford to pay one. Since Butler was willing to give his services without remuneration, it was evident that he knew that his friend, the owner of the farm, could not afford to pay him, and he was, therefore, willing to help him over a hard place.

Elizabeth appreciated that all signs pointed to her brother's need of funds. She shivered a little at this consciousness.

She knew—nobody else so well as

she—just how hard up Douglas was. She knew that this was the hardest Summer of his or her existence. The farm was a dead weight upon him. He might feel it was his duty to part with it. Yet how he would hate to do so—how she would hate to see the dear old place pass into other hands! This was the home that had belonged to her grandfather and to her father—the home to which her parents had come as bride and groom, and to which, later, they had brought their children each Summer so that the little ones might have a few weeks of country life.

**Romantic Spot**  
For Elizabeth there was a halo of romance about the place, and it was associated with some of the happiest memories of her young life. And now she and Douglas might lose it. The only thing that could enable them to keep it would be a sudden and phenomenal success for the young physician.

The girl had often reminded herself how much depended on John Butler's recovery. Lately it had seemed certain that he was on the high road to health. Yet if his illness had been, as Douglas had asserted, entirely a matter of nerves, what might be the effect upon him, what might be the effect upon him, of learning that his physician and his physician's sister had been deceiving him as to their relations together, one another—that "Lizzie Moore" was really Elizabeth Wade, that the girl whom he was learning to care for (she acknowledged this to herself now) had deceived him systematically and persistently?

What could she say if he accused her of all this?

Clifford Chapin would tell him the facts. There was no way of preventing that. The dies were cast. The mischief had been done by now. John Butler knew at this very instant that she was Douglas Wade's sister.

She prepared for bed, then put on her wrapper and slippers and walked softly up and down her room, too nervous to sleep. She must think out some course of conduct, something to tell this man were he to demand an explanation of her.

She longed to confess the truth to him. It was not so bad after all. At least it did not look very damning to her. Yet from the viewpoint of the man himself it would certainly not be pleasing.

She would have to say that her brother had told her that John Butler was the victim of over-study and nervousness, increased by too much care from his mother and by an exaggerated idea on her part and his of the gravity of his condition.

**A Hard Question**  
Nobody informed that we are not ashamed of the ills of the flesh. We are horribly ashamed of any mental twist.

To be sure she could inform John Butler that his mind was now all right.

She laughed bitterly to herself as she reflected on the way in which he would receive such an assurance from her. He would resent the suggestion that he had ever been mentally unsettled—in short, that he had been a hypochondriac. What man would not be angry at such an accusation?

She could not explain to him that it was more his mother's fault than his. He was not the sort of man who would allow any one to intimate that his mother was to blame for anything.

She might as well be honest with herself. She was afraid to confess the truth, for she wanted to help Douglas to the full extent of her power.

She stood still, as if a sudden self-revelation smote her.

Yes, she wanted to help Douglas. At first that had been her one aim. Now another desire exceeded that. She wanted to stand well in Butler's estimation. She realized that it mattered tremendously to her what he thought of her. She had learned to depend upon his friendship.

Was "friendship" the correct word? She asked that question sternly. Before she could answer it another question thrust it self into her brain.

Was friendship the only feeling that she herself had for John Butler?

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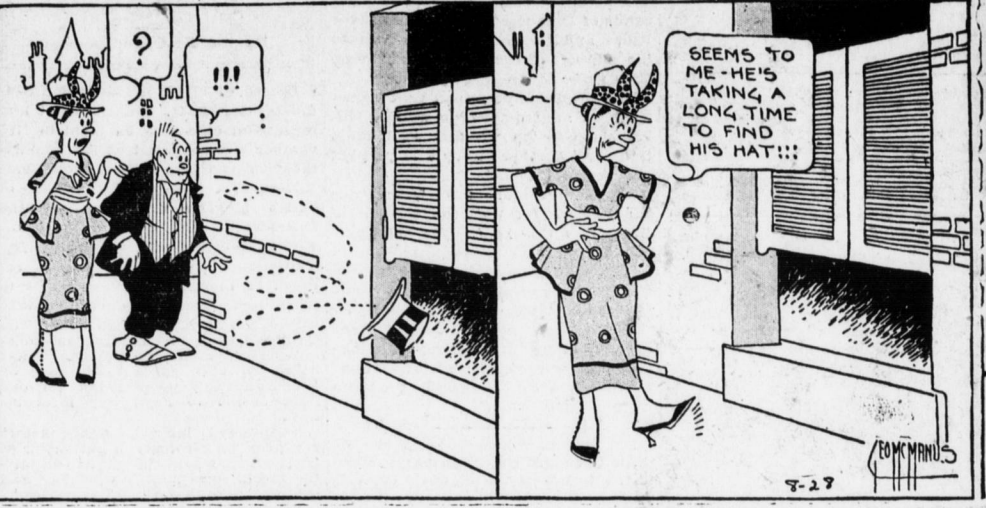
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## THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

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The long succession of wars initiated by Frederick the Great from 1740 to 1786 resulted in the annexation of Silesia to the small Kingdom of Prussia, and satisfied that France paid for being in the way of Prussia's steamroller was the loss of Alsace and Lorraine and an indemnity of \$1,000,000,000.

Since 1870 Germany has been consistently building up her resources, military, commercial and colonial, with the one object of assuaging her thirst for dominion when the proper time should come. It came, Germany thought, on June 29, 1914, when the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, the successor to the Austrian throne, and his wife were murdered at Sarajevo, and the present war was the result.

This war, it was confidently expected, would be but a repetition of the Prussian conquests of 1864, 1866 and 1870. Each of those wars was over in less than sixty days so far as the ultimate outcome was concerned. Ninety days ought to be sufficient to win the fourth. It might have been if the German program, which contemplated the capture of Paris by Sedan Day, September 2, had not been foiled by the glorious battle of the Marne. Subsequent developments are too recent to require restatement.

There can be no doubt that if Germany had succeeded in her efforts to gain control of the major part of Europe she would have soon looked toward the Western Hemisphere and the Far East.

This program is fairly indicated by the course of events as history lays them bare, but I have the actual words of the Kaiser to substantiate it.

At one of his visits to me shortly after the beginning of the war, we were discussing England's participation in it.

"What hypocrites the English are!" the Kaiser exclaimed. "They had always treated me so well when I visited them I never believed they would have acted as they did now. My mother was English, you know. I always thought the world was big enough for three

of us and we could keep it for ourselves—that Germany could control the continent of Europe. England, through her vast possessions and fleet, could control the Mediterranean and the Far East, and America could dominate the Western Hemisphere.

How long it would have been before Germany would have tried to wrest dominion from England can readily enough be imagined, and with the whole of Europe and the Far East under her thumb, America would undoubtedly have proved too tempting a morsel for the Kaiser or his descendants' rapacious maw to have resisted. He said that he believed that the world was "big enough for three;" he didn't say it was too big for one.

What was really in his mind, however, is indicated by a passage in an address he made some twenty-five years ago in which, as the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis has pointed out, he used these words:

"From my childhood I have been under the influence of five men—Alexander, Julius Caesar, Theodor II, Napoleon and Frederick the Great. These five men dreamed their dream of a world empire; they failed. I am dreaming my dream of a world empire, but I shall succeed!"

The Kaiser's plan to dominate Europe included the control of Turkey, and he made every effort to strengthen that country so that she might be a valuable ally in the war to come.

When Italy took Tripoli from Turkey before the Balkan war, I mentioned to the Kaiser how opportunely Italy had acted. He had a dismission of my remark with an exclamation of displeasure, realizing, of course, that Turkey's loss was in a sense his own, since he had planned to make Turkey his vassal.

To that end he had sent German officers to train the Turkish army and had supplied them with guns and munitions. With an eye to the future, too, he had constructed the great Bagdad Railway.

When the Balkan war broke out in 1912 the Kaiser had great confidence that the German-trained Turkish army would acquire its creditably and that in the outcome of that conflict his European program would make considerable progress. He told me that he had a map of the war area placed in his motor car and that with pegs he followed the fortunes of the fighting armies while he was traveling.

The Turkish defeats were naturally a great disappointment to him.

"These Montenegrins, Serbians and Bulgarians are wonderful fighters," he confessed to me, shortly after the war began. "They're out-door people and they have the strength and stamina which fighters require. If they keep on the way they're going they'll be in Constantinople in a week! Confound those Turks! We furnished them guns and ammunition and trained their officers, but if they won't fight, we can't make them. We've done our best!"

The defeat of the Turks lessened their value to the Kaiser as an ally and he immediately put into effect a measure for increasing the German army from 650,000 to 900,000—to restore the balance of power, they said. For this purpose a "Wehrbeitrag," or increased armament tax, was levied on capital, and incidentally, I was informed that I would have to pay my share. The idea of paying a tax to uphold the German army, which was already so powerful that it menaced the peace of the world, did not appeal to me at all and I spoke to Ambassador Gerard about it. He advised me to pay it under protest, agreeing with me that there was no reason why an American should be required to contribute to the German war budget. However, I had to pay it.

The German efforts at colonization, which were more or less of a failure because the Germans refused to nudge the German possessions, and the measures adopted to conquer the commercial markets of the world were an important part of the program of world domination.

## MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

### A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

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No. 12. Are You Helping Your Children to Conquer Bad Habits?

IT IS NOT enough to worry about bad habits. You must do something constructive to overcome them.

Many parents actually make the bad habits of their children worse simply because they do not know how to go about correcting them or because they apply wrong methods. But American parents are giving more and more attention to child training, and the time is not far distant when they will realize that it is far easier as well as far wiser to nip bad habits in the bud than to cure them once they are established. Very often the correct method of breaking a habit would have prevented it, had it been used soon enough.

Here is a physical habit. A mother writes to me:

"My daughter nine years old keeps biting off her finger nails almost continually. No one else in the family does it. Please advise how to break her of this habit."

Use this plan: Some time, just after she has had a bath and put on her best clothes, have her come over to the chair in which you are seated and talk to her in this fashion: "Which one of your fingers is the most nearly perfect? Like the one next to your little one—your ring-finger—best, don't you? None of them has a bad shape but I think this one really has the prettiest shape of any. You see this nail has such a fine curve. It almost forms a perfect circle. The best way to keep the outside edge of the nail in perfect shape is to use a nail file. You have noticed, haven't you, how beautiful Lucile's hands and fingers are. I think she must use a file because her nails are so perfect. I bought a new file to-day when I was shopping and you and I can both use it. After using this file for a

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which she had laid out for herself, and it is not unlikely that if she had confined her efforts along those lines she might have progressed further along her chosen path than she has advanced by bathing the world in blood.

"I have nearly 70,000,000 people," the Kaiser said to me on one occasion when we were talking of expansion, "and we shall have to find room for them somewhere. When we became an Empire England had her hands on nearly everything. Now we must fight to get ours. That is why I am developing our world markets, just as your country secured Hawaii and the Philippines as stepping-stones to the markets of the Far East, as I understand it. That's why I developed the wonderful city of Kian-Chau."

His plans in this connection were changed somewhat apparently by the developments of the present war, for he told me that when it was over the Germans would not emigrate to the United States any more. "No more American emigration for us after the war," he said. "My people will settle in the Balkans and develop and control that wonderful country. I have been down there and I know it is a marvelous land for our purposes."

The Kaiser's vision of the part he would take in the reconstruction of stricken Europe was indicated by a remark he made to me in 1916 when I was visiting him at the army headquarters at Pless. "Here I am nearly 60 years of age," he soliloquized, "and must rebuild the whole of Europe!"

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